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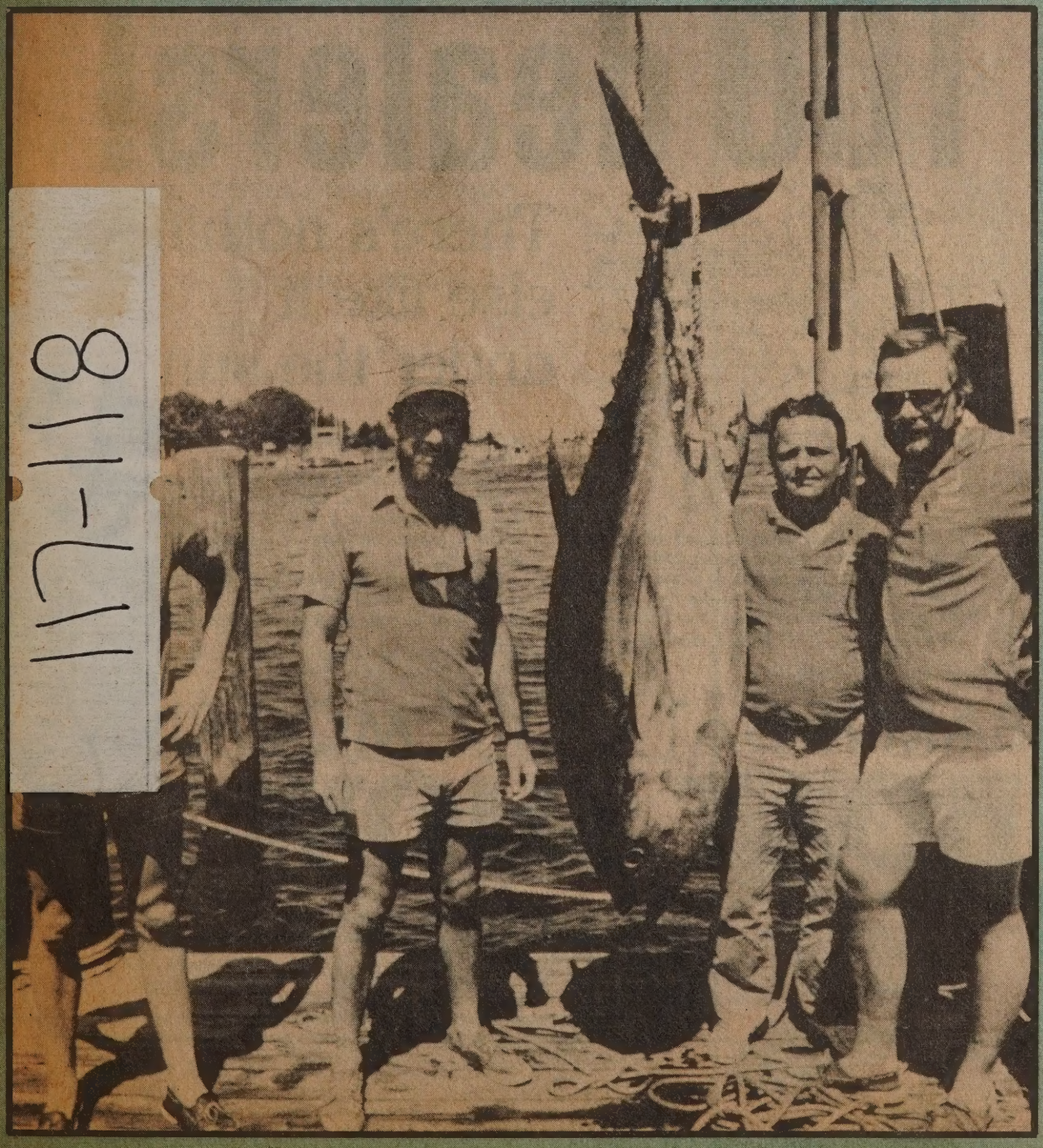

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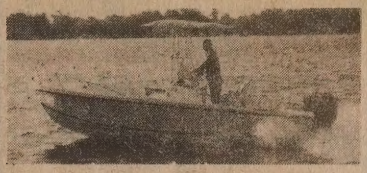

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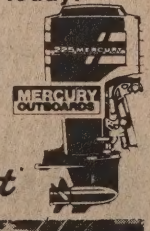

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In 1984, with the increased interest in sport fishing in the Delaware Bay and especially for fluke, this tournament could not come at a better time.

Cash and merchandise awards will be presented to the top 50 place winners. $25,000 in cash will be given to the angler catching a new all-tackle world record summer flounder/fluke, plus merchandise totalling an additional $25,000. The present world record is 22 lbs. 7 oz. and the present state record is 17 lbs. 15 oz.

Entry fee for this tournament is $100 per boat and each boat will be allowed a maximum of five people on board; 150 boats maximum will be allowed to fish the tournament, so get your application in soon.

To receive rules and entry form for this new tournament, write to Milford Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box K, Milford, DE 19963, or call 1-800-345-4444 outside Delaware or 1-800-345-4200 in Delaware.

NEW JERSEY B.A.S.S. '84 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

May 6, Lake Wallenpaupack, Caffrey Launch (Capri, at 6AM. The fee is $35.

May 20, Spruce Run, State Launch, fee $35, starting time 6AM.

July 15, Hudson River, Kingston, $35; 6AM.

August 12, Greenwood Lake, Cove Marina, N.Y., $35; 6AM

Sept. 15-16, Lake Hopatcong, Lee's Park, $50 fee; 6:30AM.

Oct. 21, Delaware River, Burlington ramp, $35 fee; 6:30AM.

All tournaments will run to 3PM. Registration and boat check must be completed at least one-half hour before start time, otherwise participants will be disqualified.

Take A Buddy Tournaments: April 14 at Greenwood Lake, launch at Cove Marina, N.Y.; $50 fee; start time is 6:30AM. November 11, Delaware River, Burlington Ramp, $50 fee, starting time 7AM.

There will be a one week off-limits period for all tournament waters beginning 12:00 midnight the Sunday before and ending at 12:00 midnight, Friday, the day **before.** This allows for one practice day, Saturday, before each tournament. There will be NO off-limits period for Buddy Tournaments.

Optional lunker pools at $5 per man must be paid with entrance fee. (Buddy Tournaments are $10 per boat). First place is $1,000. The application deadline is Wednesday the week of the tournament, delivered by 4PM to Ed Tomosi, 1901 Sylvan Park Drive, Burlington, NJ 08016. There will be NO exceptions!

For more information, please call Ed at 609-386-6345 or John at 201-927-0970.

CARING FOR YOUR SALTWATER REEL

If you are a saltwater fisherman, you know the damage that salt can do to fishing equipment. And even if you aren't a regular on big water, there's no need to let a little chemical like sodium chloride (salt) keep you from enjoying some of the most exciting fishing around. The next time you vacation near saltwater, bring your favorite reel, enjoy the local waterways and follow the steps outlined here by the experts at Garcia to keep your reel operating smoothly.

First, rinse you reel in lukewarm water as soon as you return. The temperature is important: salt is most soluble in lukewarm water. Hold the reel under gently running water and let it rinse all exposed areas. Then dry it with a soft cloth and let the reel stand in the open, uncased, for two or three hours to air-dry thoroughly.

After about every 10 uses, strip the line off and spray the reel entirely with a corrosion-resistant lubricating product such as WD-40 or a similar brand, or look for a product recommended by the reel manufacturer.

If you like to tinker with the inner workings of fine reels, carefully remove your baitcasting reel's sideplates and spool, or remove the sideplate on your spinning reel. Wipe off all visible grease and salt residue before dabbing grease on the main gear and oiling all other moving parts.

Be sure not to over-lubricate. Too much grease attracts grime, which can cause unwanted mechanical abrasion.

Another caution: don't let oil or grease near the drag system. Fine-quality reels, like those in Garcia's Ambassadeur baitcasting and Cardinal spinning lines, have multi-disc drag systems that require friction to operate. Oil or lubrication in the drag system can allow a fish to run out your line completely.

If you would rather have your reel serviced by an expert, send it to a manufacturer or authorized service center for a complete check. An average charge for cleaning and lubrication is about $10, says Jim McIntosh, Garcia national quality-assurance manager.

An investment of a few minutes of your time after each saltwater trip will

pay off in trouble-free fishing year after year.

MARINER OUTBOARDS SUPPORTS MUSKIE RELEASE PROGRAM

Muskies, Inc., an organization of sportsmen dedicated to the largest freshwater fish, the muskie, has applauded Mariner Outboards' decision to sponsor their Catch and Release program. "This indicates their dedication to the survival of trophy muskie fishing for generations to come," Bill Davis, a director of Muskies, Inc., and the group's Catch and Release Chairman, said.

Mariner is fast becoming one of the most popular outboards favored by muskie fishermen. Mariner will pay all costs associated with the Catch and Release program. "This long-term sponsorship will free up club funds so that we can increase our stocking and research projects," Davis said.

The product director for Mariner Outboards, Al Castrodale said, "Working with a conservation group like Muskies, Inc., is another example of our commitment to the future of the fishery."

The Muskies, Inc., philosophy of increasing the quality of the fishing experience is realized by fishermen catching and then releasing their muskies. "The one main hope this species has is the release of non-trophy muskies back into their environment to reproduce and eventually fight again," Davis said.

Muskies, Inc. members have released 13, 813 muskies over 30 inches to fight again since the program was instituted. Citing survival rates and research statistics, Davis noted that, "This is equivalent to the stocking of 367,584 fingerlings."

This figure is impressive, because of 1,000 muskies stocked, only 10 percent reach 30 inches. Only six to eight of the original 1,000 fish make it to the 30 pound mark.

Muskie, Inc. offers several tips to remember when releasing a muskie (or any fish):

1. Keep the time from hook-set to release to a minimum. Don't play the fish to exhaustion.
2. Don't remove fish from water (if possible).
3. Use long-nosed pliers to remove hook; or cut the hook with wire cutters.
4. Avoid handling the fish. A net can restrain the fish.
5. If netted, don't drop the fish in the boat; don't let it thrash around in the boat.
6. Don't hold the fish vertically when out of the water.
7. Don't hold the fish by the gill covers or eye sockets.
8. Support the unhooked muskie horizontally in the water—one hand on belly, one on tail—until it's ready to swim away.
9. Release a muskie in shallow water.
10. To accurately measure a fish in the water, use a four foot wooden rule

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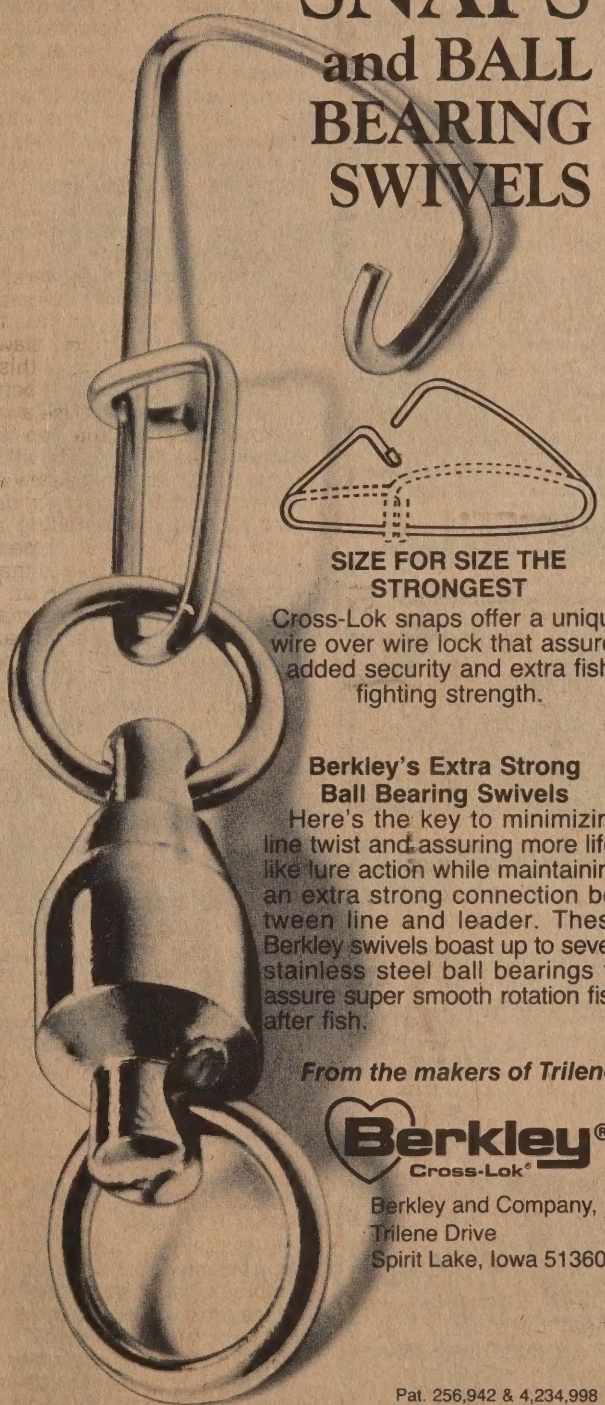

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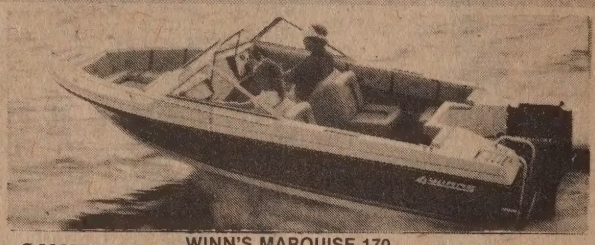

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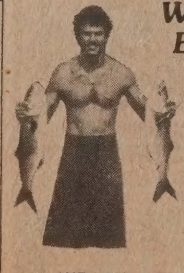

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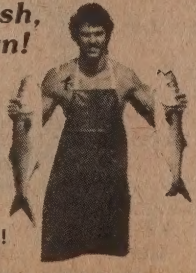

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TAKE A KID FISHING

A fishing trip with a youngster can be an important and thrilling expedition. It's easy to plan, and rewarding for children and adults alike.

The key factor, according to the fishing experts at Mercury Outboards is to keep the first trip short. When you're less than ten years old, even an hour is a "long" time. Even if a "fishing trip" only consists of a few minutes dunking a worm under a bobber, success is in going fishing.

The best memories can live forever when the cork dips below the surface. This action, or fish catching, is not essential for a successful first fishing trip. But, if a bluegill or perch grabs hold and comes flopping aboard, the squeals of excitement will echo across the lake.

On every fishing trip, start by reviewing the basics of boating safety:

- Wear a life jacket.
- Sit down when under way.
- Don't move quickly in the boat.
- Listen to the boat owner.

Then, stow the gear and load the troops. Make the youngster's first fishing trip non-stop action. Your future fisherman will gradually grow into those dawn to dusk fishin' trips. Early on, take a sightseeing tour of the lake, cruise near the dam, drift by a wildlife sanctuary or stop under a bridge. All will be new and memorable experiences.

A short excursion (and plenty of lunch) will maintain their enthusiasm. After all, that's why we call it "Going fishin'!" and not "Going to catch a fish."

ROD BUILDING COURSE IN NORTH JERSEY

A rod building course will be conducted by Frank Rusch of the Fairfield Sporting Goods Co. (Newark Sinker Company) and Capt. Charles Grazioso, host and instructor, of the saltwater fishing courses offered each winter in North Jersey. The course will consist of five Wednesday evening sessions, 7:30 to 10:30 PM, starting April 4th. The course will be held at Parsippany Hills High School, Vocational Wing, 20 Rita Drive, Parsippany, New Jersey.

The course is open to freshwater and saltwater fishermen interested in learning the art of custom rod building. Along with actual rod construction, instruction will include the following topics: rod building components and materials, component design and manufacturing, blank and component section, rod repairs and refinishing and procedures for custom wrapping. Rod building components and materials can be purchased at most tackle shops or from the instructors at competitive prices.

There are several advantages in taking a rod building course. First off,

there is the personal satisfaction of building your own custom rod. Second, it adds up to dollar savings. Participants will learn what components are available for constructing a specific rod before purchasing items that may be inferior or less functional. Furthermore, you will see and learn how to build a wide variety of rods as fellow participants work on their own specialties. Finally, a course of this nature offers participants an opportunity to share ideas and techniques.

Reading articles and books on rod building are helpful to the beginner but the instructional detail of actually hand building a rod makes the difference in a "tomato stick" and a rod you can use with pride.

For further information and registration, call Frank Rusch at Fairfield Sporting Goods, (201- 575-1995; Capt. Charles Grazioso at (201) 887-6558; or the Parsippany Adult School at (201) 263-7590.

STICK STEERING GAINS POPULARITY WITH FISHERMEN

Today's fishermen, some of whom are serious pros and others weekend amateurs, both demand convenience as they pursue all species of freshwater fish.

The fishermen today won't be limited to fishing on one spot in hopes the fish will eventually drift by their boat. They study structure on their electronic fish finders and keep an eye on changing water temperatures. They look for the fish. This means stopping and starting the outboard many times during the course of a day. Because the electric trolling motor is usually mounted on the bow, this could mean a lot of walking to the front seat from the outboard motor at the stern. This could be a dangerous challenge in a small boat on a windy day with swift current.

The serious fisherman wants everything at his fingertips. With "up front" steering, better known as "stick steering," he can enjoy the best fishing position in the front of the boat and have the stick steering system also conveniently located at the left of the front seat. The separate outboard engine throttle controls and the start and stop switch are both positioned within convenient arm's reach to the right of the front seat.

With the operator now at the front, visibility is much better. There is no need to move from this seat since it functions as both the fishing seat and the operator's chair.

A boat steering manufacturer, Ezy Glide, Inc., located in Chipley, Florida, has developed this safe new fishing convenience with their "Ezy Stik II" steering system. The company, a member of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, is very pleased with the performance of this latest model which was introduced several months Ago. Bob Padgett, president of Ezy Glide, Inc., states that many boat builders now offer the system installed on their boats when they are delivered to the dealers. A list of these builders may be obtained from Ezy Glide. Other builders have the mounting brackets molded into the boat. This saves the dealer installation time.

It also makes a neater package, Padgett claimed. "We do a lot of fishing and it has definitely helped us in our engineering and production efforts. During the development, our decision to use stainless steel for the inner members was definitely a good one. It eliminates corrosion."

With the steering system mounted and connected to the outboard engine, the direction of the boat is determined by a "push and pull" on the steering lever. A push forward will cause the boat to turn right and a pull will direct the boat left. The hands are always in contact with engine throttle on the right and steering lever on the left while the boat is in operation.

It's easy to get the knack of and once you've done it you will probably never want to fish without this convenience again.

The system is rated for use with motors of 40 hp and below.

The system is supplied with an appropriate cable length. Most are betwen 8 and 15 feet. Occasionally a special use requires a length up to 24 feet. The engine throttle controls are not included.

Padgett suggests that boat owners wanting this type steering for their boat should consider dealer installation, because remote steering of any type requires professional installation knowledge.

The EZY Stik II system retails for $218 which includes any length cable 8 through 15 feet.

From Ezy Glide, Inc., 203 South 7th St., Chipley, FL 32428.

LINDY-LITTLE JOE'S NEW "GUIDE TO SALMON & TROUT" OFFERS FISHING TIPS

Lindy-Little Joe Fishing Tackle Company of Brainerd, Minnesota, announces the release of their new "Guide to Salmon and Trout," a 20-page booklet filled with fishing tips for the salmon and trout fisherman. The booklet contains fishing information and know-how gathered from thousands of hours of on-the-water experience by the famous Lindy-Little Joe Professional Fishing Team.

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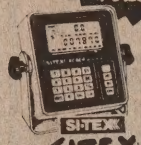

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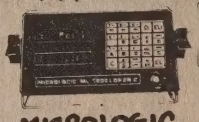

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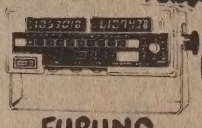

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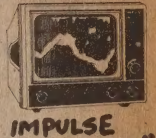

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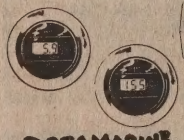

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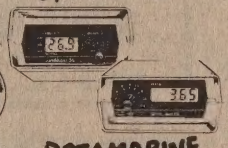

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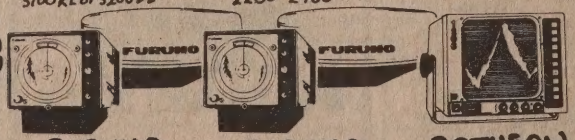

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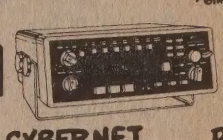

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THE MENHADEN FISHERY: A NEED FOR OBJECTIVITY

by Bill Feinberg

At the present time there is a movement under way in New Jersey to severely restrict the commercial fishery for menhaden, or moss bunker as it is commonly known. This effort is unfortunate and misguided. While some regulation of the industry is undoubtedly in order, the proposals under consideration are excessive and go beyond the bounds required to protect the moss bunker stocks or the rights of sport fishermen and other users of our marine resources. To impose this restriction, a "bunker bill" has been introduced in the State Legislature. The bill is based on emotion rather than biology and common sense. As presently written, the bill would prohibit the commercial menhaden fishery in all bays and within two miles of the coastline. If enacted into law, it would, for all intents and purposes, put the bunker industry out of business in this state. An equally undesirable side effect of all this, has been the opening up of old wounds in both the sport and commercial sectors. This is a result that neither side can afford in these troubled times of common problems which require the closest cooperation between the two groups. While some sport fishermen maintain that they do not intend to hurt all commercial fishermen, only those in the menhaden industry, their actions undoubtedly will cause a destructive polarization of sport and commercial fishermen.

An angler gets ready to snag his bunker for bait inside Sandy Hook. Current controversy over this fish has sportsmen stirred up.

The menhaden fishery is more than 300 years old and is perhaps the oldest commercial fishing industry in America. Before the first European set foot on the shores of the New World, Indians were harvesting menhaden for use as a fertilizer for their crops. In 1621, according to legend, Squanto, an Indian Chief, first taught the settlers at the Plymouth Colony to use these fish to enrich their fields. The importance of moss bunker soon caught on and the settlers harvested them in large numbers using fikes, weirs, skiffs, canoes and rowboats in the process. Thereafter, in the early 19th Century haul seining from the beach became popular. In the days of sail, seiners using schooners and other wind-driven vessels operated along the coast, taking large quantities of the fish, setting the stage for later years when menhaden would become the most important American commercial fishery. Power boats followed (diesel being used today) as did the development of the purse seine also in the early 19th Century.

With the development of fishing technology so also did research develop increased uses for menhaden. In addition to fertilizer, the fish was processed for its oil which was early used in place of whale oil. It is now used for many purposes including antibiotics, poultry feed, paint bases, and fish meal. Because of its extremely high protein content, the menhaden is presently being studied as a food for humans to be used in the form of a flavored surimi, a product which is already well received in other parts of the world. In fact, New Jersey is one of the sites being considered for the location of a surimi processing plant. The industry is large, and thousands have depended upon it for their livelihood.

The menhaden itself is a member of the herring family. It is one of the most prolific of all fish, with a single female being able to lay up to 600,000 eggs at a time. The fish swims in densely packed schools which, at times, are so large that they extend for a distance of 10 or more miles. With no means of defense, the moss bunker is the victim of many predators including man and is impacted upon by water pollution. A menhaden spends its life migrating from Northern Florida to Nova Scotia although its primary range is between Maine and South Carolina. It winters in deep waters offshore where it is believed to spawn and returns to the coastal South Atlantic in the spring. In May or June it appears in the waters off New Jersey and Long Island and thereafter migrates northward.

The menhaden boat, fishing in inshore waters, is a large and prominent vessel. This, coupled with excesses on the part of some bunker boat captains has, over the years, made the industry the target of the wrath of the sport fishermen. Periodically cries will arise to "put the bunker boats out of business" or to push them into the waters of another state. The current campaign in New Jersey follows this pattern and numerous arguments are put forth to support it.

One reason given for the need for the present bunker bill is conservation. Supporters contend that bunker stocks are in jeopardy and by forcing the fishing boat two miles offshore an increase in stock abundance will result. It must be borne in mind that bunker are a cyclical fish with years of great abundance and years of small harvests. This has always been the case, and no substantial scientific evidence has linked the lean years with overfishing. Additionally, since the fish is migratory, successful conservation requires a regional approach, not just legislation in one state imposing a two mile limit on the

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fishery. The recently enacted Striped Bass Bill, which was so effectively supported by Assemblyman Joseph Palaia, is an example of sound regional conservation. That law resulted from years of scientific study and was adopted by neighboring states throughout the stripers' range. The current bunker bill, in comparison, lacks any study and is a form of legislative "hip shooting" totally lacking an overall approach.

Also heard as a bunker bill argument is the statement that bunker boats clean out the ocean and catch all the game fish. These claims have been studied by independent agencies from time to time and have been found lacking in merit. The University of Louisiana, at the request of the governor of that state, conducted an independent investigation of the industry which included preparing a film on the subject. The study concluded that the fishery is a clean one with a negligible by-catch of non-bunker. The industry has invited representatives of the sport fishing community to come aboard their vessels and observe the catch in order to see firsthand what is being taken. Some sport fishermen have accepted the invitation and report that, in fact, few fish other than bunker were harvested.

Among the less rational arguments heard is the statement that the bunker fishermen are from Virginia so that it does not impact upon us in New Jersey if we put them out of business. This hardly requires a response other than to say that Virginia fishermen are American fishermen and by hurting them we do, in fact, hurt ourselves. Furthermore, the bunker industry pays fishing license fees to New Jersey which are placed in the Hunters and Anglers Fund. During the last five years, these fees have approximated $150,000. This sum is equivalent to the fees paid by more than 13,000 freshwater sport fishing license holders, and the money is used to enhance hunting and fishing in New Jersey.

Some argue that bunker boats are in New Jersey waters as they have fished out all the menhaden to our south, and they will do the same here. This is untrue. Most of the menhaden taken are caught south of New Jersey, a fact which indicates that the Southern fish have not been "cleaned out." In 1983, the records of one of the larger menhaden companies indicates that its catch in New Jersey waters was approximately 12 percent of its total, with most fish being taken in the southern Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic. Incidentally, that same company's records also indicate that 48 percent of the New Jersey catch was taken from one-half mile to two miles from shore with only 23 percent being caught beyond two miles. The effect of a ban against fishing within two miles is thus readily apparent.

There are other arguments given by the supporters of the bunker bill.

These, like those above, are generally insufficient to justify the proposed law. When a similar push for a bunker bill developed in New York a few years ago, T.D. Keatley, editor of the "Southern New York Sportsman" said: "For the most part, these are very vocal men who will not listen to facts and tell all sorts of wild stories about the boats working all night and taking untold tons of striped bass and bluefish."

The New York campaign ultimately ended with a compromise bill that was reasonable from the standpoint of all concerned.

Have there been excesses by the menhaden industry? There have been indeed. Over-zealous captains have fished too close to crowded beaches, or to sport fishermen or to other users of the sea. There have also been conflicts with other commercial fishermen as well. This conduct does not appear to have had the sanction of the industry and captains involved have been punished. Furthermore, the industry has adopted a code of ethics prohibiting menhaden fishing within one-half mile of populated beaches and fishing piers and directing that "The attitude of the captain and crew toward recreational fishermen ** will be friendly and cooperative at all times." The code states industry policy to require the conducting of their operations "within the law and with respect for the rights of all others who utilize the sea and its resources in any way." A captain who violates the code "May be suspended from duty or his contract terminated" and he will be responsible for his own defense in criminal prosecutions.

The Code of Ethics is a voluntary agreement among members of the industry. Unfortunately, some captains have seen fit to violate it, thereby creating conflicts with others, particularly the sport fishermen. However, the basic concept of the Code is a good one, and it should form the core of bunker boat regulations in New Jersey. Such regulations should provide a ban on menhaden fishing within one-half mile from the shore and should continue the present closed season which, in general, limits fishing to the period from May to October. The present prohibition against menhaden fishing in all bays except the Raritan and Delaware should likewise be continued. The regulations should also impose stiff penalties for violations. Such a set of regulations would neither over-regulate nor under-regulate and would be fair and reasonable to all concerned. Obviously, if time proved them deficient in any way they could be corrected to fit the circumstances.

If those of us who use the sea for pleasure or profit deal with each other fairly we will realize a spirit of cooperation which will help us confront larger and common problems; menhaden fishery regulation is a good place in which to start this effort. The menhaden industry has expressed a desire to meet with and discuss the situation with representatives of the sport fishing community. Unfortunately, the latter have refused to do so. Shortsightedness and emotionalism of this sort are self-defeating and are not in the best interests of sport fishing as a whole. It is time for a dialogue and for a sense of responsible objectivity.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Sport anglers are currently discussing the pros and cons of legislation to impose more restrictive limits on bunker commercial fishermen. While some support a "Total" ban, others, like Bill Feinberg argue for more reasonable restrictions. Bill brings up many points in this story that are based on FACT and we present it to help clear the air about some misconceptions about the bunker fishery.

Despite the emotionalism of seeing bunker boats so close to the beaches, there is virtually no basis in fact that they "clean the bottom" or devastate other species of fish like bluefish, weakfish or the terribly endangered striped bass.

The Virginia boats that violated the Code of Ethics, a self-imposed restraint system, should be banned from fishing so close to the beaches, yet trying to impose a limit of two miles may be intolerable to the bunker men. A compromise limit of one mile from the beaches may end up as a viable alternative.

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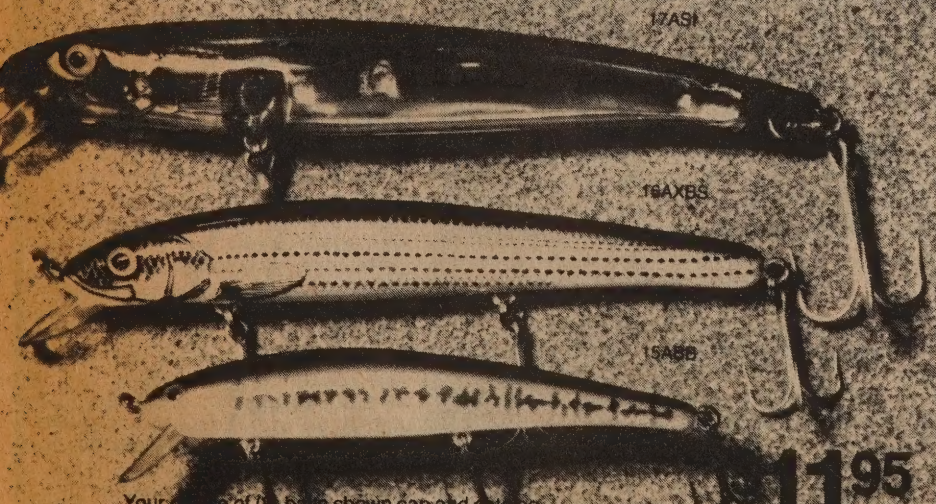

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WHERE TO GO IN DELAWARE BAY

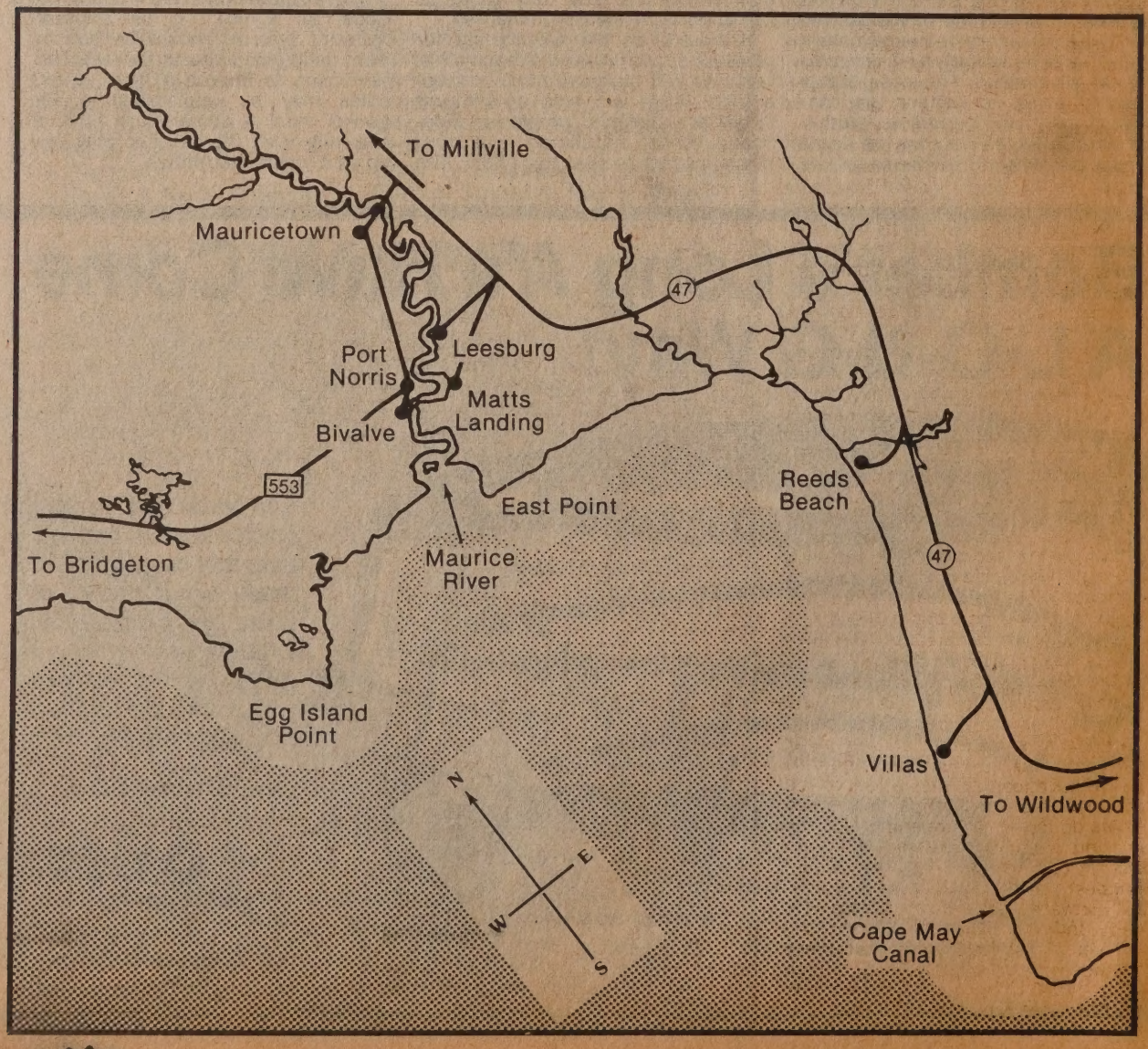
Part Two—*by Ralph Knisell*

A few weeks back we started our tour of the marinas and ports along Delaware Bay; and continuing our coverage, let's move on to the Maurice River. This lengthy body of water really opens up into a navigable river below the Union Lake dam in Millville. It then runs for some 13 miles before emptying into the bay at East Point. There is not a great deal of access to the river and there is only one bridge spanning it below Millville. The marinas of interest for bay fishermen lie in the last few miles near its mouth.

The west side of the Maurice has two important places: Port Norris and Bivalve.' The Port Norris Marina is approximately 1½ miles upstream from the mouth and contains a large number of slips for craft up to 23 feet in length. All the regular facilities are on hand, including bait, ice, tackle and gas, but it lacks eating accommodations. There is a launching ramp for small boats and winter storage can be arranged. (785-1205)

Just below Port Norris is the Bivalve Marina, which contains boat slips, a lift for launching small boats and a supply of bait, tackle, ice and gas. A luncheonette caters to anglers' needs. At publication time we were unable to get a phone number for this establishment.

Both of these locations can be reached by Route 553 as it ends in Port Norris. Also, if you are coming down Route 47 (Delsea Drive) out of Millville, make a right on the road going to Mauricetown and once over the bridge, hang a left and follow the



signs to Port Norris.

On the east side of the Maurice River is Matt's Landing. It is best reached from Route 47 (Delsea Drive) by turning off to the right at the signs eleven miles below Millville. There are actually five separate marinas in a line here and they will be listed north to south.

Anchor Marina: There are slips for boats up to 30 feet, a ramp, ice, bait, tackle, gas and a restaurant. (785-9899)

The Matt's Landing Fishing Center: At least one open party boat will be running daily from these docks along with three, 6-man charter boats. It sports a restaurant plus bait and tackle. (785-1104)

Driftwood Marina: Anglers can expect to find a ramp, slips, ice, bait, tackle, gas and a restaurant. There is a possibility that an open party boat will run after May 1. (785-9825)

Cossaboon's Marina: Slips, ice, bait, tackle, gas and a restaurant. (785-0182)

Mudflat Marina: Ramp, bait, ice, tackle, gas and a restaurant. (785-2412)

Leaving the Maurice River, we slide eastward along the banks of the Maurice River Cove where nature remains as it has been for eons. Then, turning southward towards the Cape we come upon Reed's Beach. This small community may be reached by a lone road coming in from Route 47 (Delsea Drive) about three miles south of Goshen. As this road meets the bay we come upon Capt. Sam's, where small boats up to 18 feet may be launched on a railway; few rentals are also available along with bait, ice, gas, tackle plus a variety of goods at the General Store. Dry storage for small boats can be had. (465-7840)

Making a right turn at the beach will lead you down to Capt. Walt's. Bait, ice and tackle may be purchased here along with the right to use his ramp at Bidwell's Ditch, another quarter mile up the road. (465-5759)

The last spot on our bay coverage is the Villas. Those trailing rigs up to 20 feet may put over at Bob's Bayview Marina where launching is possible at all tides. Rental boats are on tap as is ice, bait, gas and tackle. Dry dockage is likewise featured. Bob's is the last spot along the bay where these features may be encountered. (886-3676)

There are several small towns along the bayfront that we failed to mention as they really did not provide any facilities for fishermen. You could surf fish at some and put over a car top boat at many—but that is about it.

We have learned that a few of the marinas featuring slips for small boats do have some openings for the coming season. As these will very quickly be gobbled up, we would suggest you get on the phone pronto.

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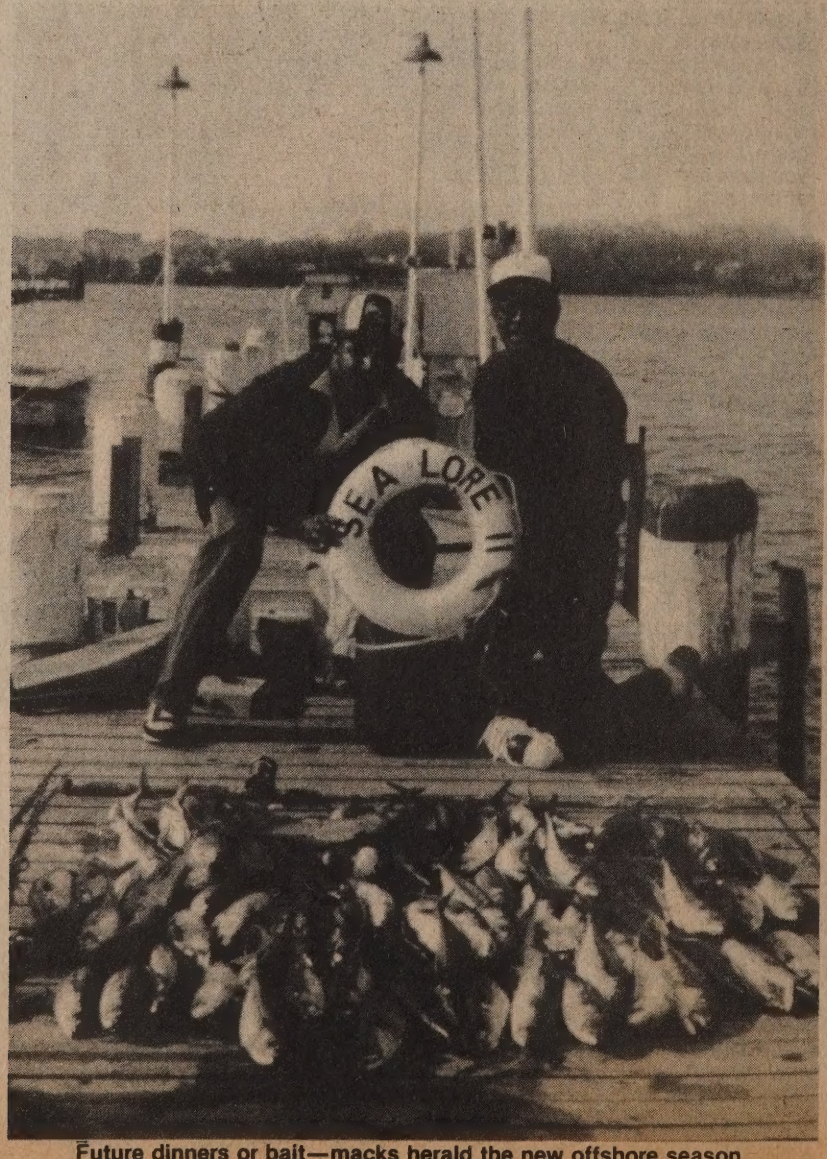
MAC ATTACK!

by Greg Venturo

Any day now, mackerel will be invading our coast and helping to wash away the last of the winter "blahs."

It seems to me about every April, the vast majority of the angling public falls prey to the Mack Attack. Now, I am not talking about seeing a whole group of fishermen invading the local golden arches and getting a large fries, medium Coke and a Big Mac with cheese. However, I am talking about the invasion of many of New Jersey's marinas and seeing every manner of craft load up with eager anglers in search of mackerel.

There are many reasons and excuses to go out and catch mackerel. Being a true offshore enthusiast, my excuse is that they make very good baits for shark and swordfish. Of course, I don't actually enjoy catching these fish. With the amount of fuel I burn trying to put together a good catch at certain times in years past, it would have been cheaper for me to just buy a flat of macks. Far be it from me to say that I truly enjoy catching these little speed balls on light tackle. No true specialist in the field of offshore fishing would admit such a thing. But, let's just say I did; well, here are some tips that just might help you locate and catch more fish. I am also not going to mention the fact that when macks are prepared right they happen to make fine table fare. Of course, I only pursue them for bait. I can see by the end of this article I have to go to confession.



Future dinners or bait—macks herald the new offshore season.

Boston mackerel annually take up residence for a brief period of time along the Jersey Coast on their northward trek towards the New England states. We can usually anticipate their arrival some time around the middle of April and depending upon when the blues catch up to them can stay until mid-May. The party boats fill up early with customers who are willing to fight the crowds to enjoy some of the most rewarding fishing we have to offer.

Now, I am not trying to say you have to fish a party boat to catch these fish. This is one fishery that is open to a vast majority of the boating public. Given the right sea conditions you can sometimes see small tin boats up to seven or eight miles off the beach chasing the schools of macks. I must warn you that it is entirely possible to actually over-load these small boats with too many fish and create a very unstable craft when the bite is on good. So be very careful not to get too overzealous when you're hooking up heavy into these fish. Take what is comfortable for your boat to carry and make another trip out at a later date. Whether a boat is overloaded with fishermen or fish, you have the potential for a problem, so if more than two or three fellas want to go and you do not have the room go out on a head boat for safety's sake.

The location of the schools of mackerel can sometimes be given away without the aid of a chart recorder. Now, you might not believe this, but next time out take note off what I am about to tell you once you've located the fish. Macks are a very oily species of fish. This is one reason why they make such a great bait—they give off a lot of scent in the water. When they are schooled up

tight you can actually see and smell the fish. I am not trying to say that the fish are holding up a sign, but their body secretions will put an unmistakable slick on top of the water and this telltale slick will give up their position. The other way, by sight, is when they are stacked up near the top and you can actually see a small wave pattern that will contradict the natural flow of the wave pattern. I am sure many striper fishermen know what I'm referring to when they see schools of bunker pushing water in the summer and fall along the beaches.

Yes, they actually do smell. At first you may not be able to scent them, but if you are into the fish take the time to take a real deep whiff and you will smell something on the odor of cucumbers. May sound strange, but they can be smelled out.

The easiest way, of course, is with a chart recorder. At certain times you might think you have something wrong with your recorder. They will fill up the machine with marks and make it look like a lot of interference. When they're thick, they're thick.

For the most part you will find that the macks are attracted to the same cover and areas that would normally hold bluefish. Since I have, in the past, fished mostly out of Shark River, I used to start at the Klondike and work my way around from there. However, this year, I have switched to Point Pleasant and will find myself starting at the Squan Ridge. Whatever port you sail from turn that chart recorder on, on the way out. More than once I have found macks in closer to the beach than I would have started at.

Do not hesitate on getting down to the boats when the run has started. These fish can cover 30 miles faster than you might think, especially when they have blues hot on their tails. They beat feet to cooler waters and try to escape the blues. Try to get some reports as to where the fish have been and stay on top of your local writers' columns; they will most likely turn you on to the latest port which is producing the best. As I stated before, macks can travel very quickly and where they might have been on the Klondike on Monday, you might find them at the edge of the Mud Hole on Tuesday—so act quickly.

Once you have located the fish there is not really any great skill in catching them and I might be inclined to say the skill lies in finding them first. However, let's take the time to review the basic rigs that most anglers will use to pursue macks.

For those of you who will be fishing party boats, I would recommend a conventional or spinning stick of about seven to eight feet in length and with a medium action to it. If you are familiar with underhand casting for blues and getting the jig away from the boat, the conventional rod will provide you with the proper amount of power to lift four or five macks over the rail without any problem. For those of you who have not yet acquired the ability to heave a jig out away from the boat with a conventional, stay with the spinner. They are less like to tangle and are easier to toss out for the more unfamiliar angler. Line test should be between 20 and 30 pounds. Remember, the mates are not going to be doing any gaffing on these trips and you must be able to life several macks over the rail. When fishing on a crowded party boat, the extra capacity line will be able to take the heavy strain of forcing the tree of fish to turn and not tangle any other anglers, hopefully.

Terminal tackle is not very complex. The basic mackerel rig consists of a length of leader usually about three to four feet in length upon which the angler can find anywhere from three to five or six highly colored tubes with hooks that resemble small baitfish. At the end of this whole rig is where the diamond jig is attached. With all of the colors and the chromed jig, it's no wonder this rig is referred to as a Christmas tree rig. The diamond jig is used both as a weight and as a lure at the same time; its highly reflective finish also acts as a fish attractor.

I would not recommend the following technique to be used on a crowded party boat, but if the opportunity should arise, I think you would find it quite rewarding. I am sure many of you have some sort of ultralight outfit at home.

You will find that macks make for some very interesting sport on two or four pound test outfits and will put your best angling skills to test with light line outfits. Careful adjustments of the drags are needed here. Don't forget that mackerel are members of the tuna fish family and are designed for speed. It is not uncommon for a mack to strip out 20 or 30 yards of mono on the first run. Small darts and jigs can be used to take these fish in this manner. If you use too heavy a jig, it will only make for an unbalanced outfit. You may find yourself sport fishing for mackerel instead of meat fishing for them.

When the mackerel are really on the bite, it will take no time at all to fill up a 150 quart ice chest. The angler can get caught up in the frenzy and sometimes end up with more fish than he knows what to do with. Try and keep only as much as you can use. Remember, it was not too long ago that the foreign fleet took its toll on this and other fisheries. We all complained about that, but at times you will see anglers tossing out fish that they don't have room for in the freezer. They do make fine baits for fluke, shark, whiting and other assorted fish, but just bear in mind that conservation started with the angling public crying about the lack of fish. It is our responsibility to practice what we preach. Keep only as much as you can use.

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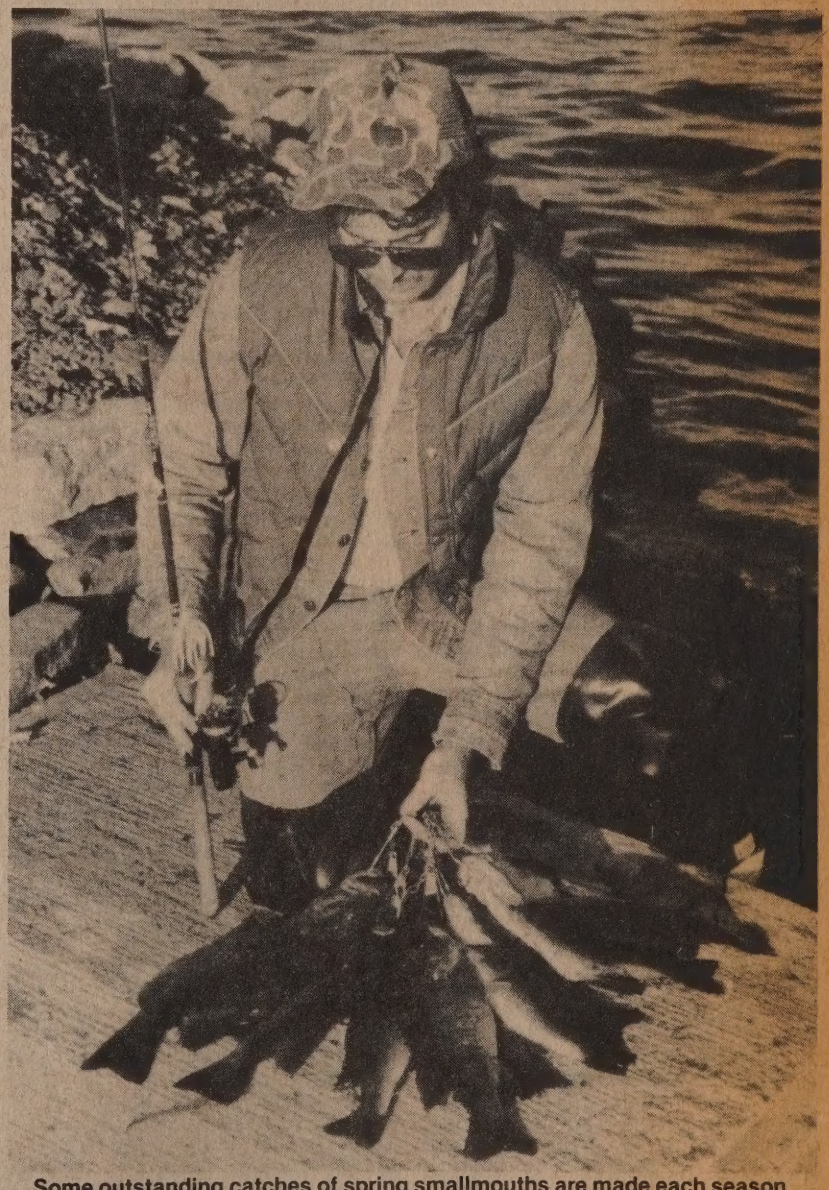
SPRING SMALLMOUTH

by J.B. Kasper

With the passing of the windy month of March, April brings us into the part of the year that fills us with anticipation of the coming warmth of summer. For many anglers April means trout fishing, but to the fisherman who likes variety, there is some fine fishing to be had along the Delaware River, Raritan River and other large streams that contain smallmouth bass. Many of the trout streams that I fish empty into the Delaware River. Sometimes trout fishing is slow, so I keep an extra rod in the truck and carry a supply of minnows throughout the season. This enables me to fish for smallmouths when Mr. Trout is uncooperative.

Spring is the time of the year when the water will generally be colder than the air, and the best fishing will be in the afternoon when the sunlight has had time to bring the water temperature up a few degrees. So you can get your trout fishing done early and hit the rivers for smallmouth in the afternoon or on the way home. This is one time of the year when you can make that old villain of the warm water season, light penetration, work to your advantage. Whichever of the structures that I mention you choose to fish, try to make sure that the light penetration is high and it is a part of the river that has the sun beating down on it a good part of the day. This time of the year fish will gravitate into these spots and stay there once they have found them. Many of the veteran anglers who have fished the river for any amount of time will know these spots, and this will be the first place they fish after the spring thaw. Remember that shallow water warms up faster than deep water and water which has rapids and good oxygenation will warm up all the faster. It must also be remembered that these rapids and the water around them will also cool down fast and will be areas of instability. Water temperatures in the upper 40s and low 50s will usually start the smallmouth moving, and after the long, cold months of winter, they will be looking for a quick meal. Although they are feeding, their body metabolism will be slow because the water is still cold and they will require a fair amount of time to digest their prey once they have got it; so they may still only feed once in a 12 to 24 hour period. Bass this time of year will also tend to be sluggish when they hit; so give them plenty of time to swallow the bait.

The first piece of structure that we will cover will be areas where smaller streams enter the river. These are prime spots, because the smaller streams will warm up faster than the river and they empty their warmer water into the river, mixing it with the colder water, causing the area downstream from them to be warmer than the main stream of the river. They contain different depths of water and usually have shallow water called Deltas at their mouths. The combination of the warmer stream water and the shallow nature is a big plus—throw in some large amounts of sunlight and you can see why they are one of the first spots to warm up. They are often well sheltered from the wind and this is another big plus. The downstream area will contain some good fishing during the early spring, especially when they are of a shallow depth and have a silt bottom. During the summer months they most likely have large amounts of vegetation and



Some outstanding catches of spring smallmouths are made each season by anglers who work through the warmer afternoon hours.

small amounts of this vegetation will still remain. Smallmouth will lay in these areas sunning themselves in the warm sunlight. A floating Rebel type plug or lively minnows will entice him to hit. Even though he will still be sluggish, he will spook easily and you should be quiet in your approach.

The second piece of structure that we will cover are the many islands that dot the river. These islands require a small boat to get to them. Most islands will have a downstream bar, along with a fast current along their sides. This current will sometimes be broken by rocks and other river obstructions. In many cases, the current—during high water periods—will cut between the bar and the island. This will be the prime area that will hold smallmouth prior to the spawning season and will be the first place that you will start catching him after the spring thaw. Most often the bar will be covered with water and the best way of finding these spots is to locate them during the summer when the water is low. The bar will have an eddy either downstream from it or alongside of it. This will depend on how deep and swift the split is between them.

Prime bars are the ones that have the pocket or eddy alongside of it. It is here that the smallmouth sit and wait for a mouthful to come their way. This is also a prime spot for suckers and walleyes, and many times you will find them schooled up together. Try medium running crank baits, spinner baits, twister jig types and live bait. I have found jigs dressed with live, hard-head minnows the most useful and have attained some very good results with them. The best method of using these lures is to travel to the island with your boat and beach it, then quietly wade out onto the bar. If the water has been high and the weather has been warm, with the water temperature in the 50s, there is a good chance that the fish will be right on the bar. If the water temperature is in the 40s, the chances are that the fish will be in the pocket alongside the car. Cast your lures into the pocket and allow it to sink, then retrieve it slowly up the bar in a jerky motion. This method will produce the best. The other method that a good many of the regular river fishermen use is to live line minnows hooked through the lips into the pocket; eventually the minnow will end up on the bar if he is not taken by a fish. If he does not draw a hit, then cast him out again and repeat the process.

The third piece of structure are the many fingers that crisscross rivers. These fingers are rocky points that jut out into the river and form breaks in the river's current. They are productive the year-round and one of the peak times to fish them is during the early spring; best finger structures to fish after the thaw are the fingers that have a deep hole downstream from them. These deep holes are the places that the smallmouth spend their winter, and the first place they come to feed in the spring is right along the base of the fingers. Groups of fingers are much more productive during this time of the year. The reason for this is that there are many more deep holes and pockets that hold fish than in the single finger. They will also contain many different currents and cross-currents. This will force the fish to position themselves in different directions when they are feeding, and your bait will have a better chance of enticing one of them.

Fish these fingers like the islands, the major exception being that you don't have to have a boat to get to them. A successful method of fishing these areas with live bait is to cast the live minnow into the current and allow the bait to swing around the point of the finger and flow naturally into the deep water. This is a primary method on a single finger. In the case of multiple fingers, casting directly ahead of the pocket while standing downstream and retrieving your bait with the current will work the best. This method will cost you some hooks, but will produce more fish than if you stand upstream, because you will get down to the fish instead of passing over them.

The last piece of structure is found at the power plants and water outlets that we find along the river. Although they are not so common on the smaller rivers, they are prime spots on the larger rivers such as the Delaware. If the power plant is active the year-round, such as the power plant in Columbia, south of the water gap, you can catch fish the year-round. However, in the early spring, because of the constant warmer water, these areas will be the first place the bass will be ready to start spawning. You will need a boat to fish these spots and drifting will be preferred to anchoring, especially in the higher water of the spring. Usually they will have a bar opposite the outlet, and downstream from it, the deep water will run along the side of the bar that faces the outlet. This creates a pocket down from the outlet. Your best bet is to drift along the bar facing the outlet. Deep running crank baits and jigs dressed with minnows or Twisters will be your meal ticket. Here, again, you may find fish right on top of the bar depending on the water temperature, and if the bar is shallow enough you can anchor on top of the bar, if it is safe, and cast up into the pocket. This method is particularly good on the power plant that is upstream from Milford, New Jersey and this power plant has been one of my favorite haunts in the early spring. Keep in mind that the water is still cold and safety comes first.

If you are one of the hardy souls who chooses to fish the large streams and rivers in the early spring, I hope that I have given you some ideas as to where some good fishing can be found. I have been doing it for over 20 years and find it very rewarding despite the rough conditions of early spring.

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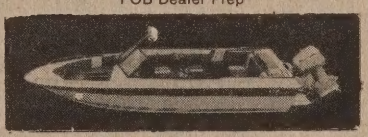

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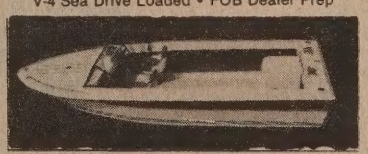

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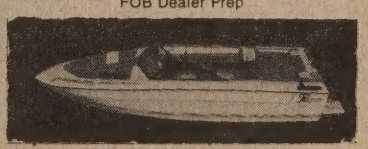

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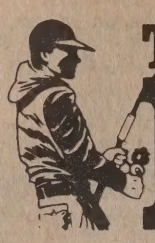

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SINKER BOUNCING —SECRETS—

by Matt Ahern

The attention you pay to terminal tackle governs your success as a sinker bouncer.

Every successful sinker bouncer knows the bottom fisherman's secret. It lies in the correct use of his terminal tackle; it lies in his correct use of hardware and hooks—and most of all, it lies in his attitude toward these components.

Are you one of those fishermen to whom a hook is just a hook, a sinker just a sinker, and a swivel just a swivel? If so, my advice to you is: cease your foolishness immediately! There isn't an experienced sinker bouncer I know who will fail to tell you that next to actually putting fish in the bucket, a fisherman's prime interest should be in his terminal tackle. Without such interest, he will catch few fish. It's as simple as that.

Now all this seems simple enough; but there's a hitch. It lies in the fact that with all the various hooks, gadgets, sinkers, and so forth on the market today (some put out by charlatans to catch fishermen instead of fish), it is often difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff. For many it seems to be a case of not being able to see the forest because of the trees.

It would be Jim-dandy if one rig would suffice for all fish. How simple, then, the fisherman's task. But for some anglers the sport would not be as exciting, for every veteran sinker bounder I know is an experimenter of sorts. I can personally vouch for this, for not only have I seen some weird contraptions dreamed up by brother fishermen, but over the years I've contributed my share of beauties.

I suppose, too, that every fisherman's main interest is centered on fishhooks. There is something about that thin, curved bit of tempered steel that causes dyed-in-the-wool fishermen to forget their immediate surroundings merely at the sight of one.

Hook manufacturers and fishing tackle mail order houses know this, of course, and they fill their catalogs with page after page of hook patterns—enough to make a fisherman's head swim. This is not a condemnation by any means, for every one of these hooks will do the job for which they've been designed. It is therefore up to each fisherman to know which hook is suitable for him and take it from there.

Fortunately for the sinker bouncer there are only four types of hook designs in their various sizes needed to do a job on our local fish population. These are the Sproat, Carlisle, Chestertown, and Virginia. Some fishermen would include Claw and Beak type hooks in this list but I never use them. Nor do I use baitholder hooks of any type. There's nothing wrong with any of these hooks, of course. It's me; being brought up in the old school, I stick with what I know. Being an "old-timer," I detest change for change's sake.

Except for American manufactured Eagle Claw and Pflueger hooks, most fishhooks are foreign-made.

Any blackfish sharpie will agree that the unique design of a Virginia style hook makes it the only choice for tautogs.

All of the overseas companies make hooks in the four designs named, but I believe that for strength and temper, none comes near those produced by O. Mustad & Son of Oslo, Norway. Like their American counterparts, Mustad makes no shoddy hooks. This company supplies the world's gigantic commercial fishery. And for this fishery alone, Mustad makes and sells millions of hooks each year from over 50,000 separate designs. (And here you were thinking fishhooks were low man on the world's totem pole! How could you?)

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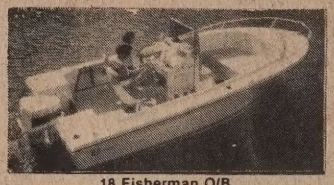

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Not only would it be Jim-dandy if one rig sufficed for all fish, it would be grand if one hook and one size were all one needed. Alas, such is not the case, and, as Shakespeare said, there lies the rub. It is here where many errors occur, errors which cost fishermen untold numbers of fish each year.

The beginner especially should keep in mind that there is a fishhook designed for each kind of fish he seeks. The properly selected hook will always assure better hooking, provided, of course, the correct size is used. (If at any time you are uncertain as to size, always select the smaller of the lot.) Correct size is the key. I've seen cod caught on large Chestertown hooks when snowshoe flounder fishing, but never have I seen flounder caught on a codfish hook. That poor flattie may be willing to give it a try, but how can he get that oversized hook into such a small mouth?

Many factors enter into proper hook selection. Does your fish of interest suck in bait like a flounder? Does it get the hook deep in its innards like an eel? Does it peck rapidly at the bait like a porgy? Is it possessed of a large mouth and much weight like a cod? Is it wary like a blackfish, making a short-biting hook necessary? All these considerations, and more, must be known by the fisherman when selecting the proper hook.

No one hook is exactly perfect for fish; the best we can do is come close in our selection. For instance: is the barometer high or low? This affects how fish will approach bait on any given day. Is the current fast-moving or just drawling along? Are you fishing in shallow or deep water? And how clear is that water? Is the day cloudy, or one filled with sunshine? This can be of extreme importance when codfishing, for cod often bite best on cloudy days. (Don't ask me why; I don't know.) And on those cloudy days it is the fisherman who uses a 5/0 Beak or Eagle Claw hook who seems more successful. (Maybe I better use Beaks and Eagle Claws at that.)

As you can see, it's enough to make a guy take up golf or tennis—or some other sane sport. All one can hope for is to use a hook that will do the job best under prevailing conditions.

Let's take a look at two specialized hooks—the Chestertown and the Virginia.

The Chestertown is the flounder fisherman's hook and was designed originally for these fish. They can be found in sizes from two to ten, with hook size becoming smaller as the numbers increase. For all-around flounder fishing in bays and sheltered waters, it is perhaps best to use a nine or ten. Number nine gets the nod, although there isn't much overall difference in size; the larger numbered hook is made of thicker steel. For Montauk's snowshoe flounder in May, size two to four do fine, with the edge favoring number four. The long shank of these hooks makes removal easier.

The Virginia hook has been especially developed for the blackfisherman. There's no doubt in my mind that somebody, somewhere, put in a lot of time and experimentation before coming up with this hook. I doff my fishing cap to this unknown fisherman, because he certainly came up with the perfect blackfish hook.

I've caught blackfish on Sproats, Chestertowns, and you name it, but I've never caught as many large blacks as I have on these hooks. The Virginia's hollow-point and offset barb makes the blackfisherman's job a lot easier. And believe me, any aid to put the tricky black into the bucket is welcome, indeed.

For average bay blackfish Virginia hooks size six are best. When fishing specialized areas in bays known to harbor big fish, size five will do the trick. When fishing offshore grounds and when you've been told big fish can be expected, I wouldn't hesitate to use a number two or four.

The Carlisle hook with its long shank is best used for fluke, or any fish known to have sharp teeth, such as whiting. The sizes used for fluke run from 1/0 to 5/0. I would strike a happy medium by selecting a 3/0 for all-around fishing.

The Sproat has been the "fisherman's hook" for generations. This is the one we mentally picture when someone mentions fishhooks. I doubt if there is a species of fish which accepts the baited hook while swimming the world's oceans and inland waters that hasn't been caught on this hook. I rely on this hook for just about all my bottom fishing—except, of course, blackfish.

From the small number six, which I use for flounder instead of the more common Chestertown, to the large 8/0 for cod, Sproat hooks account for more local fish than any other. It's the one to use in its proper size when the design for the fish you seek is unknown or not available. Sproats are an excellent porgy, sea bass, ling, whiting, cod and pollock hook.

Some fishermen connect their snelled hooks and leaders directly to the main line with a simple double-overhand knotted loop at the prescribed distance from the sinker. Other fishermen use a variety of devices to accomplish this end, thereby doing away with the knotted loop, which they feel may cut into the line under the stress of an outsized fish.

These devices range from the free-swinging hook holder "H" swivels and "L" shaped codfish swiveling rigs, to three-way swivels and "Quick Rigs." The selection is confusing, but there is no problem when fishermen remember the cardinal rule pertaining to all bottom fishing: the less hardware, the better.

There are only two gadgets on this list I consider worthwhile. They are the three-way swivel and the "Quick Rig." All others are shunned by me, for in my estimation they cost fish.

We won't even consider those abominations known as flounder spreaders. They foul too easily on the slightest obstruction and gather copious amounts of weed.

Three-way swivels of the proper size for the fish you seek should be attached to the main line by the use of an Improved Clinch Knot. If you don't know how to tie this knot, learn how as soon as possible. Actually, as far as I'm concerned, this is the only knot bottom fishermen need know when making up their terminal tackle.

"Quick Rigs" are purchased in tackle shops and cost pennies. If you are unsure of how they go on your line, ask the man behind the counter to show you. With them, you can place your rig anywhere on the main line without making knots. "Quick Rigs" are extremely strong for their size. Several years ago I caught a 47 pound cod while using one. It never gave a bit of trouble, though I'll admit it came up a little tired.

Barrel swivels have many uses: as a stop when using a fish-finder rig, or as a connector between a pre-made rig and the main line when fishing a strong tidal current, or when mackerel or codfishing. When mackerel fishing, be advised to use a barrel swivel of dull color, or paint it black. Mackerel love to strike shiny barrel swivels, which may be fine for them, even if they do bend a tooth or two, but not for you. You can also use snap swivels in their place, but these are used mainly to facilitate lure changing.

Sinker snaps come in handy, too. These are the ones with the oversized loop at one end. When using these for flounder or fluke fishing, you can slip your rig in the loop along with the sinker. Be aware, though, that when flounder fishing early or late in the season, it is best to tie your hooks directly to the main line for more sensitive command.

You'll see connecting links used on occasion, but they aren't necessary for bottom fishermen who use three-way, barrel, or snaps.

Sinkers should be of the bank style because these are likely to foul least when fishing obstructed areas such as wrecks and rock piles. Carry a supply of various weights to compensate for changing tidal conditions—and loss; especially if you plan a blackfishing trip.

Of all these gadgets mentioned, remember they are nothing but aids to get that all-important fishhook in that fish's mouth. All else is mere child's play.

Right now before the season really gets rolling along is a good time to visit your local tackle shop and stock up on the terminal tackle you will be using this year. If you don't live near a good shop, it is worth the effort and time to drive to a well-stocked bait and tackle supplier. The small amount of time spent now will assure you of less wasted time later and should also improve your fishing success. Like the Boy Scouts—be prepared!

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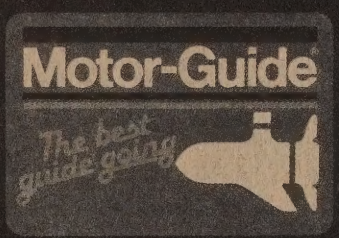

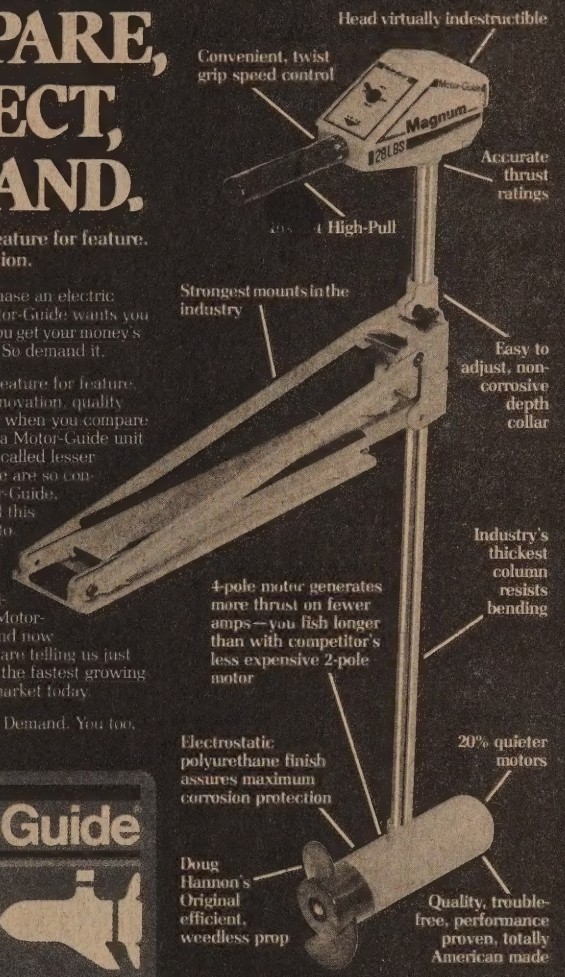
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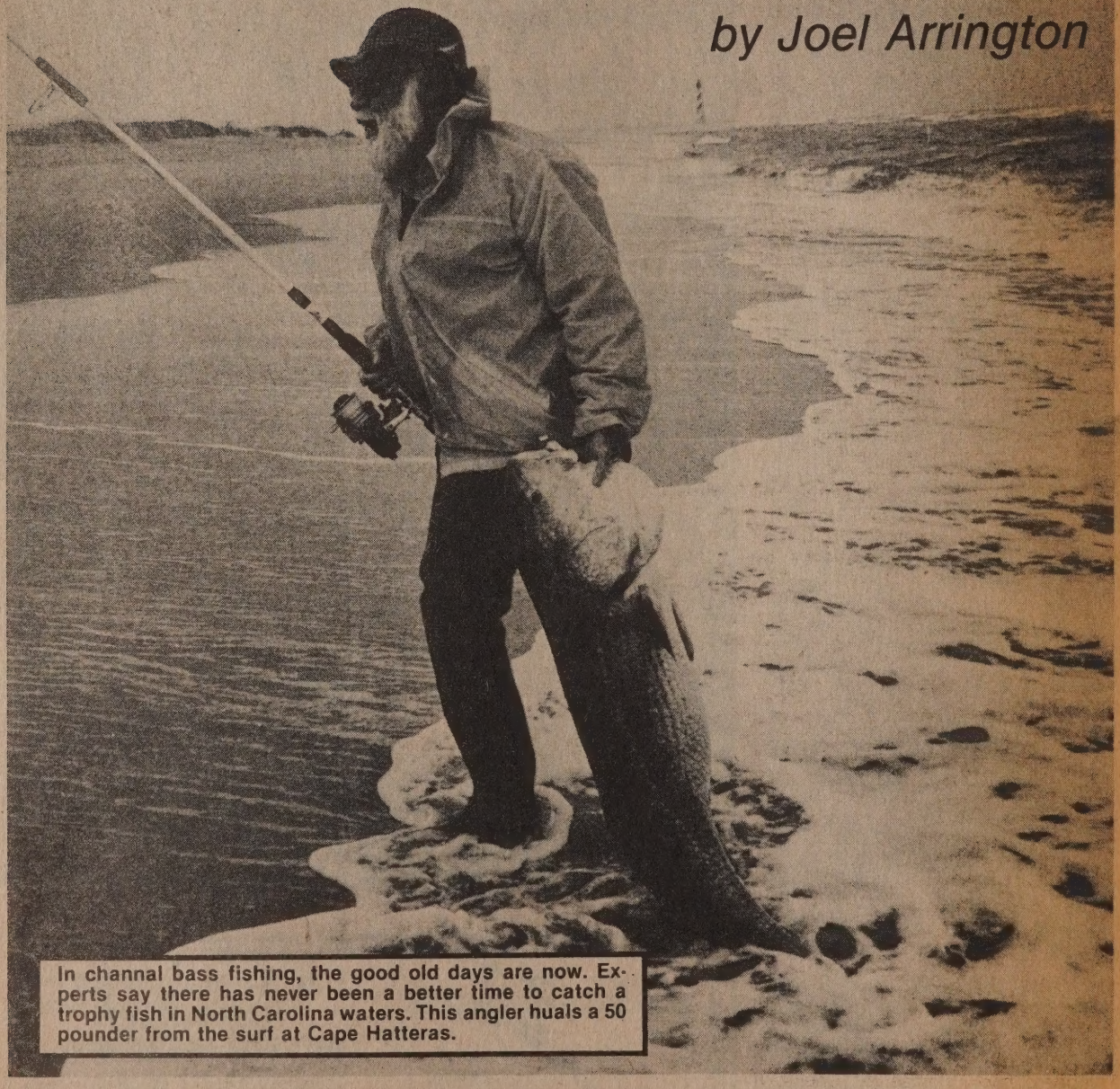
by Joel Arrington



In channal bass fishing, the good old days are now. Experts say there has never been a better time to catch a trophy fish in North Carolina waters. This angler huals a 50 pounder from the surf at Cape Hatteras.

Veteran anglers agree that the spectacular run of bluefish on the Outer Banks late last year was at least as good as the fabulous runs of the early 70s. Since these fish winter off the North Carolina capes, chances are better than even that when they come ashore and begin their northward migration in the spring, fishing could again be exceptional.

Normally this occurs in April and May. Giant bluefish in the spring usually are thin from their over-wintering ordeal, so North Carolina fishermen will not likely see as many over 20 pounds as were caught last December. (Seventy-one anglers won citations in the North Carolina Fishing Tournament for blues weighing 20 pounds or more.) Nevertheless, spring blues weighing 10 to 16 pounds are not taken lightly by anglers, as they are vicious strikers and hard fighters at any weight.

Locations with the best chance of spring bluefish, if past years are any guide, will be the tip of Cape Lookout and the rock jetty there; the tip of Cape Hatteras, and Oregon Inlet. But big blues are only partly predictable, so they could show up anywhere. In past years vast schools have wintered off Cape Fear and occasionally some

of these fish in spring have come into near-shore waters in the Wilmington area, and particularly on Frying Pan Shoals near Southport.

But giant bluefish are only one species Tar Heel resident and visiting anglers will be after in the spring. Nearly all guides and veteran red drum (channel bass) fishermen agree that there has been no time in memory when chances of catching a trophy drum have been better. The state fishing tournament recognized 122 anglers for catching channel bass weighing 40 pounds or more last year. Thirty-six of these were for drum measuring 48 inches in length or longer and released alive.

Like most saltwater species, the number and size of Tar Heel red drum vary over time. Through the 50s and 60s, few drum over 50 pounds were caught by anyone. Since about 1980, however, there have been numerous 50 pounders and larger caught every spring and fall. Last year, 26 red drum weighing 50 pounds or more were cited in the state fishing tournament, including one that weighed 65 pounds. So far, however, no fish has even approached Elvin Hooper's 90 lber., all-tackle world record, caught from a Hatteras Island pier in 1973.

Hotspots for spring channel bass are Portsmouth Island in the Cape Lookout National Seashore and Ocracoke Inlet and Hatteras Island within the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Portsmouth is inaccessible by road. Four-wheel drive vehicles may be ferried to the Core Banks, on which Portsmouth is located, from the mainland community of Atlantic by concessionaires of the National Seashore. Overnight stays are recommended, since auto ferry rates are about $50 round trip. Rental cabins are available. There are guides for surf and boat fishing at all these locations. Boat fishing out of Ocracoke has been especially productive of big channel bass in the spring. When weather is good and the water is clear, sight-casting to schools of drum is possible. Most fish are caught, however, by anglers bottom fishing with bait from anchored boats in the inlet.

Offshore fishing will get under way in late April. Early in the year, blackfin tuna are likely catches at the edge of the Gulf Stream. Behind them will be bluefin and yellowfin tuna, then the usual summer run of dolphin, wahoo and billfish. Any wreck from inshore to the Gulf Stream could harbor big blues well into June.

While most guides and charter boat skippers book themselves weeks, if not months, in advance, a few will have open days in the summer. For lists of charter boats and guide services, for accommodations listings and a road map, call the N.C. Travel and Tourism Division toll-free at one of these numbers: from in-state phones, 1-800-334-1051; from out-of-state phones, 1-800-438-4404; or write to 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27611.

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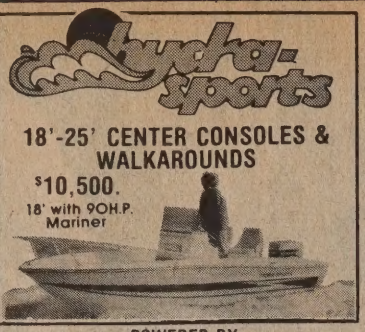
Blues are big and plentiful in the Hatteras surf.



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by Don

Night action for the silver hak

It was a calm, cold, moonless night when my friend Dan and I decided to head for one of New Jersey's top whiting boats. We found ourselves in Point Pleasant at Ken's Landing, standing on the deck of the Norma K III just itching to catch some whiting and a chance to shake off the depressing feeling of the winter doldrums. When the captain cranked up those big diesel engines we knew it would not be long and we would be into the activity that my friend and I like to do most—and that is catching fish.

As we glided through the inlet, everyone on board stowed their gear and headed inside to the heated cabin to get out of the wind created by the moving boat and to prepare ourselves for what we hoped would be a fun and productive night of whiting fishing. Anticipation flowed high as everyone talked of past whiting trips and before we knew it, we had arrived in the area of ocean that the captain had found to be productive the night before. When I asked the name of the area, the mate said that the spot had "no name," but that they had had good fishing there before.

The captain brought the boat into position and the mate dropped both anchors over the side. The captain tooted his horn to let us all know that it was time to lower the judas bait down to the hungry silver hake, better known as whiting. It was only a few minutes when Dan and I both felt that telltale tap at the end of our lines. Sure enough, we both had the long-awaited whiting. It always adds to the excitement when you are with a good friend and you both are catching fish at the same time.

It wasn't long before we noticed that we weren't the only ones on the catching end of the stick; most everyone on board was pulling in the whiting. At one point, the fishing was so hectic that there were fish jumping all over the deck; giving the boat more of a commercial fishing boat look than a party boat. I kept waiting for one of us to step on a fish and end up getting a closer look at the deck. I had gotten another hit and cranked in a nice double-header. I pulled the two fish off the hooks and baited my night glow rig with whiting strips. We were both using the popular, three-hook rig. My rig had the glow tubes on and Dan was using the plain tube setup. We had agreed to use the two different style rigs before leaving home to try and find out which would catch more fish. The night glow rig was created in the hopes of attracting more attention to the baited hooks (and it does). I enjoy using the rig; in fact, it was the only rig that I used for several seasons. It seemed to produce more fish for me, but this night both rigs had equal appeal and each caught as well as the other. These rigs come with three hooks tied on with these hooks downed in surgical tubing. Hook sizes vary, depending on the maker's preference. Most rigs that I have seen are usually in the 1/0 and

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We had started off this cold, osperous night of winter fishing h cut herring, which is good bait; t as soon as we caught some iting we turned the knife on them d carved some tempting pieces of it that I think definitely put more stfish in our coolers. Whiting are t above eating their own kind and ve good taste in bait. In fact, they em to prefer their own kind almost much as I do. Cut mackerel also s a way of bringing these whiting to ok and should never be overlooked;

ver the rail.

but still, I do have more success with the whiting strips. Dan hated to cut up his whiting that he planned to put into the smoker and I don't blame him. But if it will put more fish in the boat at the end of the night—why not? If sacrificing a few means catching the multitudes, then I'll do it every time.

When we chose our weapons, we picked a rod out of our assortment of rods that could handle three fish and a good size sinker if needed, along with a reel filled with 20 pound test line (you never know when you will hook three fish at once). And hook three fish at once we did, and more than once that night we loaded the rigs. A light stick would have some difficulties in pulling three fish up over the rails.

When the fishing grounds are loaded with fish, it is not all that hard to catch two or three fish at one time and more if you were to have more hooks tied on. One little trick that I have learned but requires some patience is when you feel the bite, leave the rig down below until you feel a second and third fish grab the hook. I know this can be somewhat nerve-wracking—waiting for other fish to snatch up the remaining bait when you know that you already have one fish on. If you want to catch more than one fish at a time with any consistency, then you might want to test your nerve with this method. I am sure that once you get the hang of it, you won't be sorry.

Clothing is something that may be as important as the rod, reel and the bait. I say this because when the temperatures reach the freezing mark and you are wet, you would probably spend more time thinking about getting warmed up than fishing. I wear several layers of clothing along with a full body cover and I am comfortable. As for my feet, I wear Sorel Arctic boots with a couple pairs of socks and my feet literally stay as warm and dry as if I were sitting in a warm house.

At the end of the night, when the Norma K III pulled into its moorings at Ken's Landing, my friend Dan and I had enough whiting to feed both our families for some time to come and we were pleasantly tired. When we realized how many fish we had and the good time that we were graced with, we just looked at each other and smiled. We didn't need words to express our thoughts about our cold night of "hot" fishing.

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UNDERSTANDING THE LEVER DRAG REEL

by Ed Mesunas

Despite having been a part of the offshore scene for years, lever drag reels remain a mystery to many anglers.

The outrigger clip snaps, the line straightens, and suddenly the crew springs into action. Even the monotonous drone of the diesel changes to a lower, slower tone as all attention is focused on the fish astern. Settled in his fighting chair, the big game angler steels himself for the battle ahead, but all he can do now is hang on as the tuna bores on below.

Line sizzles off the 80 International and in a few seconds, half the spool is empty. "Better put some more pressure on him," our intrepid angler reasons. As he shoves the drag lever from the strike to full position, he feels the rod lurch and the drag stop. He hears a crack, as if someone fired a .22 pistol. Too soon, or too late, he realizes the line broke. Goodbye fish of a lifetime.

There were a number of actions our big game fisherman could have taken to secure Charley Tuna in the fish box even before he settled in the fighting chair. However, our angler's Waterloo was met when he made that mistake of pushing his drag lever to the full position. If anything, you need to **back off** some on the drag if you are being spooled. Increasing pressure in that case is almost sure to part your line. Why?

It's the principle of leverage. With a full spool, it may be relatively easy to pull line from a drag, because of the distance from the spool's spindle to the departing line. That greater distance translates into greater leverage, just like a longer wrench will make it easier to turn a frozen nut. But as the spool of line's diameter decreases, as in a prolonged fish run, there's less distance between the center of the spool and the line, and consequently less leverage. That translates, eventually, into more drag pressure on the line.

But beyond our blue water angler's unfortunate mistake of not taking the leverage principle into account, there may have been some other oversights, going back all the way to when he first purchased that 80 International. If he did his homework by first reading the instruction manual, he could have saved himself some grief, and maybe some line and offshore trolling lures.

All of the basics are in the instruction manuals included with the luxury, big game, tournament type reels such as the Penn International series. Digesting the instruction manual will not only familiarize you with the reel's operation, but it will also key you into what the reel can and cannot do.

A reel like the International has two big advantages over other conventional, star drag type reels. One is the pre-set knob, which allows you to program your drag to suit your line's breaking strength. This pre-set feature enables you to use your line for all its worth, with little risk of snapping.

Working in conjunction with the pre-set feature is your drag lever,

Most blue water trollers prefer to leave lever drag reels set in the strike position or somewhat lower, depending on the quarry.

which is both your clutch and your working drag, built into one control. Here's how the pre-set feature and lever drag feature work together on an International, and how they should be used, to get the most out of that reel you paid for so dearly. Let's use our blue water fisherman's 80 International for an example.

First, mount the International on its matching rod. If you chose an 80 lb. tip (rod suitable for 80 lb. class tackle) and 80 lb. dacron or monofilament for your 80 International, you'll have a balanced outfit. Each element—rod, reel and line—will complement each other and work in unison to beat the fish with the utmost efficiency. Some anglers may bend those rules a bit by spooling on, say, 130 lb. test line on an 80 International; bending rules is okay, as long as you know what you're doing.

Next step is to secure a spring scale. Any type of good quality fish weighing scale will do, and of course, will serve double duty as monitor of your catches' weight at day's end. Attach one end of the scale to a hook in a wall, car bumper, etc., or any solid object, and the other end of the scale to your line.

What you are now aiming for is to have your 80's drag start to slip between a range of 20 and 28 lbs. of pressure when the drag lever is set on the strike position. Stand or sit in a comfortable position, point the rod toward the scale, gather up any slack line, and pull upwards on the rod. Using the imaginary face of a clock, pull the rod from a nine o'clock position up to a ten or eleven o'clock position. As your drag starts to slip and pay out line in the position, have someone read the scale to determine the drag pressure.

As previously noted, 20 to 28 lbs. of drag pressure will have you in the ball park when setting an International 80 drag. Going low (or high) on that range depends on your personal preference. As also noted, the strike position is where you want your drag lever to be while pre-setting the drag.

Now, here's a top-notch tip. Chances are, you'll need to adjust your pre-set knob quite a few times before you reach your desired drag pressure. After all, pre-setting the drag is a matter of trial-and-error adjustments until you achieve the desired setting. **Each time you adjust your pre-set knob, to get more or less drag pressure, back your drag lever all the way off into the free spool position.**

The mechanical reasons for doing this are numerous, but suffice it to say that many drag problems on the Internationals are spawned by failure to observe this simple precaution. Adjusting the pre-set knob while your drag lever is in strike is somewhat akin to shifting gears on a truck without throwing in the clutch. You just don't do it!

Once you have properly pre-set the drag on your International, there's no need to fool with the pre-set knob while fishing. With such a reel, you can fish assured that your drag is set within safe limits of the line's breaking strength. On that International 80 we were using as an example, when you shove the drag lever to the strike position, you **know** your drag is set between 20 and 28 pounds—just where it should be.

The 120 degree arc that the International's drag lever rides on has three reference points: free spool, the strike position and the full position. When the lever's in the free spool position, all pressure is off the drag and the spool is just riding on its ball bearings. The effect is the same as a star drag reel in free spool, even though the International's gears are always engaged.

Move the lever off the free spool button and pay close attention to the spool. You'll notice it shifts to the left a bit. As soon as you take the lever off the free spool position, you are starting to add drag pressure. The higher you move the lever toward the strike position, which is about two-thirds up the arc, the more drag pressure you are adding. Of course, once you reach the strike position on our exemplary International 80, you have reached your 20 to 28 pound reference.

Slide the drag lever over the strike button and continue all the way up to the full position and you will add almost twice as much drag pressure as that on your strike position. You won't "lock up" the drag, as so many anglers think. Why anyone would want to "lock up" line against a large game fish is beyond me, but if they really wanted to, all they would have to do would be to wrap the line around a handy cleat!

Drag pressure almost doubles in the arc's short distance from the strike to full position, so that total drag will now translate into a range of 35 to 40 pounds on that International 80. Using the full position is tricky, and you should reserve it for special circumstances only.

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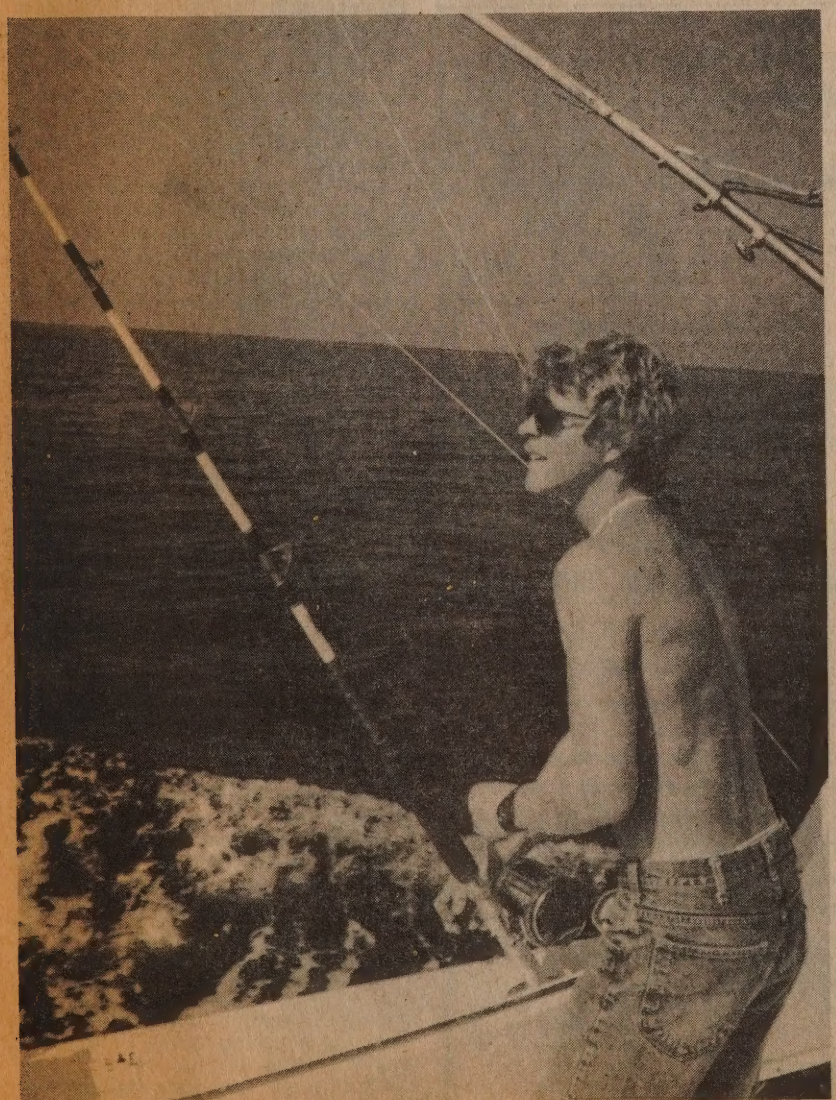

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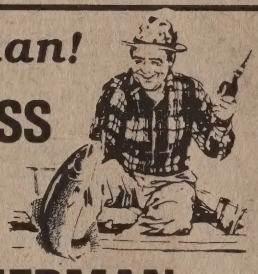

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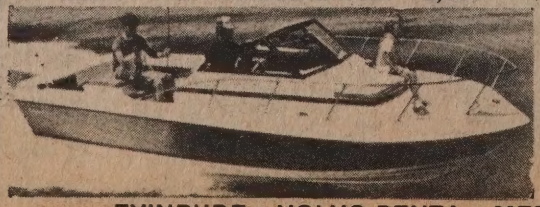

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fish's run, soon after it strikes, but remember to back the lever down to the strike position again if the spool approaches the half-empty mark. Whether you use the full position option or not is a decision only you, the angler, can make. Just use it early on in the run and keep an eye on how fast you're being spooled!

Another use anglers find for the full position is when they have reached their double line, and they want some extra insurance as they prepare for gaffing ceremonies. If our fisherman has played his quarry right, the fish won't be green, and he'll basically be pulling in dead weight. Shoving the lever to full is perfectly in order, since the fish may suddenly come alive again after seeing or feeling the business end of the gaff.

Most anglers, when trolling, will keep the drag lever at the strike position or somewhat lower, depending on the species sought, locale and personal preferences. When hooked up they'll play their denizens at strike, with the option of going full if the occasion fits. Drifting methods will often see fishermen pulling the lever back to complete free spool, with click engaged to prevent overrun, or perhaps just off free to add a little drag pressure. Again local conditions, traditions and species dictate methods.

Part of the joy of fishing with an International-type reel is the convenience of using the drag lever just like a car's brake—you can move the lever up or down for more or less braking power, even when your mako shark is doing somersaults.

In studying the instruction manual on a reel like the Penn International, which covers their Light 12H model up through their 20, 30, 50, 80 and 130 models, each strike setting is about 1/4 to 1/3 below the breaking strength of the listed line. If you're using 30 pound test line, why not set the drag for about 25 pounds, to get the most out of the line's strength?

It just doesn't work that way. You need a large safety margin between your drag setting and the breaking strength of your chosen line. A nick, cut or fray in your line can reduce its strength by one-half or more. A hurriedly-tied knot can also cut into the line's strength. Many tournament grade lines, when wet, actually break below their listed strength. Just like a chain, a line is only as strong as its weakest link.

Factory tests have also proven that, a split second before the drag's washers start to slip, pressure on the line goes way past the intended setting. For instance, returning to that 80 International set at 25 pounds on the strike position, actual pressure may, for a split second, approach 50 pounds. Compound that phenomenon with the shocking strike of a large billfish or tuna, and the idea of a drag set purposely low makes more and more sense.

Other factors compensate for the apparently low drag setting. The line

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SHREWSBURY RIVER STRIPERS

by Russ Wilson

With good bass numbers in the Hudson, the Shrewsbury should hold some of the overflow.

It was not too long ago that fishermen flocked to the Shrewsbury River to cash in on the striped bass action that the river had to offer. Back then, and we're talking about 10 or 15 years ago, the school size stripers were present in great numbers and anyone who put in the hours caught bass.

Times change. Today, striper stocks are at a dangerously low point throughout their range. Those once plentiful "schoolies" have diminished to a mere trickle of what was at one time a raging torrent. But the Shrewsbury still yields some good catches.

Biologists fear the Chesapeake Bay strain of striped bass is in deep trouble. Only a moratorium can save these stripers, claim some knowledgeable biologists. That may be true, but the stripers that make the Sandy Hook area their private feeding grounds are not from the Chesapeake, and right now there is a good population of bass in this area.

Most of the young stripers that are caught in and around Sandy Hook are Hudson River fish. They are fish that were spawned in the river and home grown right there until reaching catchable size.

Contrary to the Chesapeake Bay strain of stripers, the Hudson River fish are thriving. The 1983 striper survey, using seine counts to arrive at an average, showed a per seine count of 48.3 juvenile fish per haul. That is the second highest ratio since record keeping began, with only the 1973 count higher at 50 fish per haul.

Striper fishermen work worms above the Oceanic Bridge.

You can bet those fish are going to filter down into our waters. And, when they do, local striper fishermen are going to enjoy a bonanza!

Unfortunately, not all of the bass that move into bay shore areas will be of legal size. According to New York State biologists, the fish should range between five and ten inches this year and maybe as large as 15 inches by season's end. That is well below our legal size of 18 inches and certainly no where near the newly imposed size limit of 24 inches for New Yorkers who fish the bay.

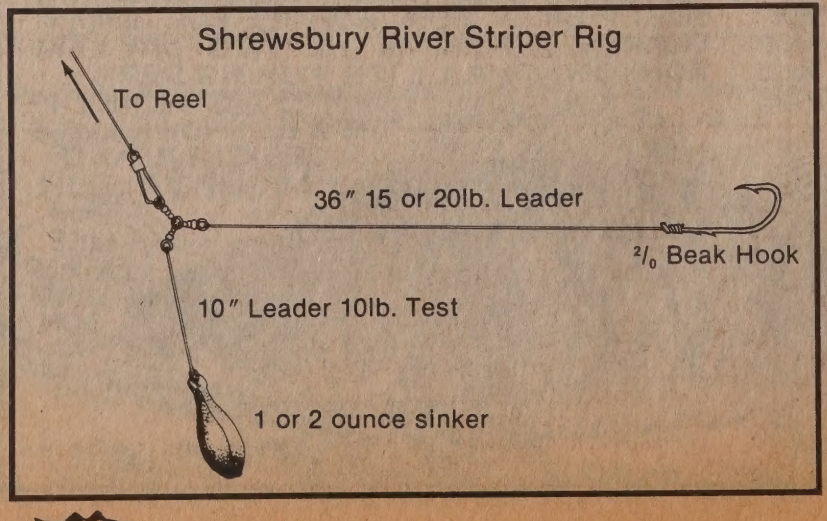
Anyway, by 1985 we should see a lot of legal stripers in this area and the methods that worked a decade ago will still put fish in the box today.

When we first fished the Shrewsbury and The Navesink we used only worms. There were plenty of fish and we had no trouble getting all we needed on a standard sand worm rig. A few people did experiment with grass shrimp chumming or chumming with clam bellies as many commercial fishermen do on the New York side. But, by and large, the sand worm setup accounted for the majority of stripers taken locally.

I'd suggest trying the same techniques again. This is easy fishing and can be quickly mastered by anyone who knows how to use tackle.

A favorite worm drifting arrangement—and one that has paid dividends for us through the years, involves a single 2/0 or 3/0 beak style hook, a three-way swivel, a three foot section of 15 to 20 pound test monofilament leader material and a Dipsey sinker weighing one or two ounces.

The hook is tied via a snell knot to



the three foot leader; this, in turn, is affixed to the three way swivel with a clinch knot and the sinker is tied onto the second eye of the three way with a short (10 to 12 inch) piece of ten pound test mono. You attach the rig to your fishing line at the remaining eye of the three way.

I like to use conventional type casting tackle when drifting worms. A rod measuring six to seven feet overall which has a sufficient amount of backbone to handle fish weighing four to 15 pounds should be just about right. Most experienced striper fishermen find 12 to 15 pound test monofilament line is perfect for this type of drift fishing since it is possible to chase larger fish. Smaller bass can be pulled back to the boat with lines of this test, and you can almost bet that most of the bass you hook will be small.

There is a knack to drifting worms for stripers. You have to keep the boat moving at the same speed as the current and at the same time your baits must be bouncing near bottom where the bass can spot them. As the boat drifts you will feel the sinker tap bottom, lift up and tap down again. The trick is to keep the sinker in constant contact with bottom.

Most successful striper fishermen who ply the waters of the Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers find their best catches are taken near the bridges. Spots such as the Oceanic Bridge (Rumson to Navesink) Sea Bright Bridge which connects Sea Bright and Rumson and the Highlands Bridge which crosses the river at the entrance to Sandy Hook are preferred by the majority of good bass anglers.

Tide is important, but not critical to success. I've caught stripers on incoming water and on the outgoing tides. However, my best results have always been during the first two hours of outgoing water. At this stage, the tide is not sweeping along at flank speed and you can more easily control your bait as you drift with the moving tide.

Occasionally, stripers will move off to the coves and sedge banks where you can cast plugs, bucktails and small metals. This is never sure fire action, but it does happen often enough to warrant serious attention.

In past years the stripers arrived sometime after mid-May and were present in the rivers throughout the summer and into fall. Probably they will follow a similar pattern in the future.

You can launch a trailerable boat at several local spots. The Municipal ramp at Atlantic Highlands Basin is a good kick-off point as is the ramp on Valley Avenue. Also worth checking is the ramp in Rumson. This one is managed by the Borough and to use it you must have a valid permit.

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BASIC TROUT RIGS

by Lou Truppi

The beginning trout angler, as well as his dyed-in-the-wool counterparts, all rely on various bait rigs to catch trout at one time or another. The gap that exists between their use is simply governed by experience.

Oddly enough, on occasion the most simplistic of rigs will catch fish. What often governs one angler's success and another angler's empty creel is how to fish a particular rig.

The basic trout rigs can be lumped into several categories. Those used for river, stream and brook fishing are similar in design, but noticeably different in application.

The lake and pond fisherman, on the other hand, is geared entirely different except for maybe hook size. Perhaps this is where basic stops and applied variation takes over. Advancing one's trout fishing success certainly falls into the category of rig modification through need and experience.

First, let's study the very basic trout rigs. (Refer to Fig. 1.) I'll introduce you to modifications that merit close attention by all trout anglers.

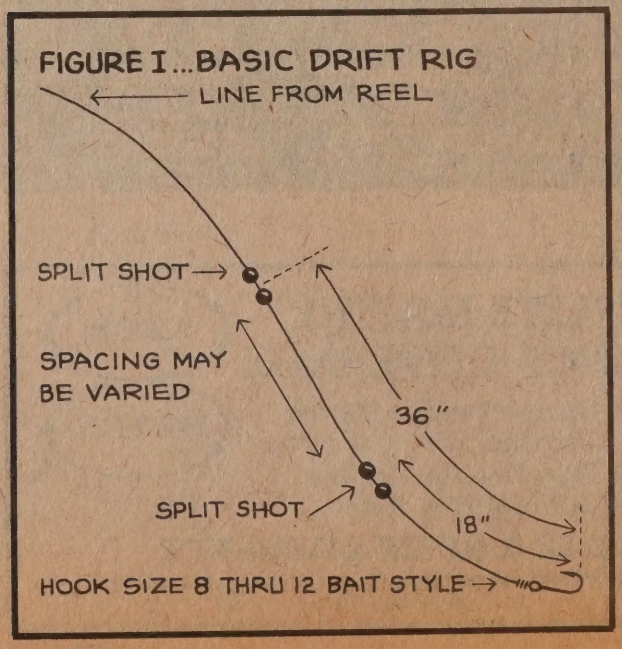
The first rig is widely used by all. It simply consists of utilizing the main line from the reel and adding a suitable size hook along with some split shot. This is the simplest of drift rigs and is not only utilized by trout anglers, but by fishermen after a variety of species. This classic rig style can be fished on bottom "dead" or modified to drift along with the current just by using less weight. Another application of this rig is to increase the distance between weight and hook. Let's say the initial rig you designed has 18" distance from weight to hook. Now, you increase this distance to 36". What happens now is quite unique. If you were fishing the bait still, on the bottom of a deep pool with the 18" lead, your bait would tend bottom with little movement. Suitable for catfish, but hardly promising rig for trout.

Trout by nature tend to lie in wait for their meal to be swept to them by the current. They do not actively travel great distances to search for food. So, confining your bait to a small area and burying it on bottom is not conducive to bagging trout. It can be done if the pool is loaded with trout in the middle of winter, but by waiting out these non-active fish, one might eventually be drawn to your bait. This, to me, is a long, slow process hardly worth the effort when trout fishing. So, by rig modification in leader length, the bait can now be moved about the floor of the pool by the current. The extra 18" of leader allows the bait a great deal more vertical coverage. Trout can now be drawn to the bait's movement. Simple rig modifications can make a world of difference when trout are sought.

Before I continue, let me interject that no matter what rig is used, trout prefer a moving or live bait. Suitable trout rigs should exhibit or be designed with this very important factor in mind.

The second rig (Fig. II) exhibits a slight modification to the first. The main change here is that a swivel has been added along with lighter leader. The rig can be pressed into use when low, clear water makes the trout wary or when fishing a clear water lake such as Lake Hopatcong. As you can see, the lighter leader can be added via a blood knot or the smallest barrel swivel you can find with a dull finish.

The third rig (Fig. III) represents a complete diversion from the first two. The rig is designed to be used in deep, slow water or on a lake. This rig can be fished from a boat or shore at times, with equal effectiveness. Bank fishermen should cast the baited rig as far to the head of the pool as possible. Care should be taken to reel in all excess slack once the drift is started. During the drift, maintain a tight line, but loose enough to allow the rig to make a smooth uninterrupted drift. Rod should be kept at a right angle to the bobber's path of travel. When the trout strikes, simply lean rod toward the drift to give slack. Then, move the rod slowly back as fish is taking bait. Solid strikes that



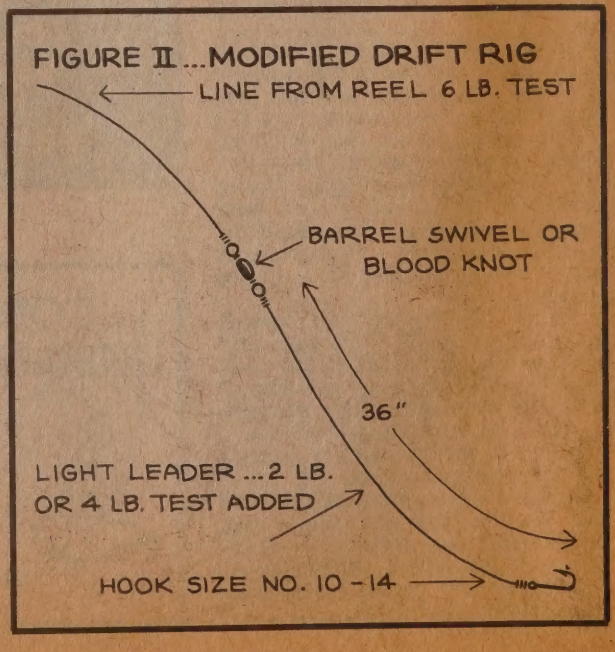


FIGURE II...MODIFIED DRIFT RIG
LINE FROM REEL 6 LB. TEST
BARREL SWIVEL OR BLOOD KNOT
36"
LIGHT LEADER ...2 LB. OR 4 LB. TEST ADDED
HOOK SIZE NO. 10 - 14

dip the tip of your rod will indicate the fish has bait in his mouth. STRIKE! But softly; remember the light line. A light or very soft action rod is excellent to use with this rig.

When lake or boat fishing, let the wind provide the drift path for your rig. If the lake contains stocked fish, then chumming with salmon eggs can provide fast action. In clear water ponds, the bobber should be kept well away from the boat. Fifty to 75 feet are good starting distances. On high wind days, pick a spot and anchor. Add extra split shot to maintain bait's depth. The trick to this rig's success is to keep the bait moving at all times and use small hooks, size 12 and 14 are a must. Never use a large bobber. The size I like is no larger than a nickel.

The next rig (Fig. IV) is a variation of the others. Drawing from the standard components of these rigs, another modification provides still excellent results for big rivers and lakes where trout are found. This variation is designed to catch trout when they are deep and lethargic. As you can see from Figure IV, this rig is slightly more complicated than the others. A strong point for this rig is its ability to provide a deep fished bait with sight and action while remaining motionless. It can be fished successfully with either live or dead bait. The bobber should be small, in fact, small perch corks that are halved work well. How high the bait floats is governed by leader length. Be aware that too long a leader will invite tangles with your main line.

The final trout rig (Fig. V) is the simplest and at times, the most effective of all. It's probably a misnomer to call it a rig at all. Outfit is a better term, for an ultra-light rod and reel form the nucleus for this method. The true catalyst is light line. The angler never uses line over four pound test. Small hooks size 12 through 16 are in order. This method of angling utilizing this light lining technique can be used for trout anywhere except in extremely fast or snag infested waters. The line becomes an invisible link to the tiny hook and bait. When used properly, it is the undoing of many of even the wariest trout.

To fish light line successfully on streams, moderate to low water conditions should prevail since the only form of weight used is the bait

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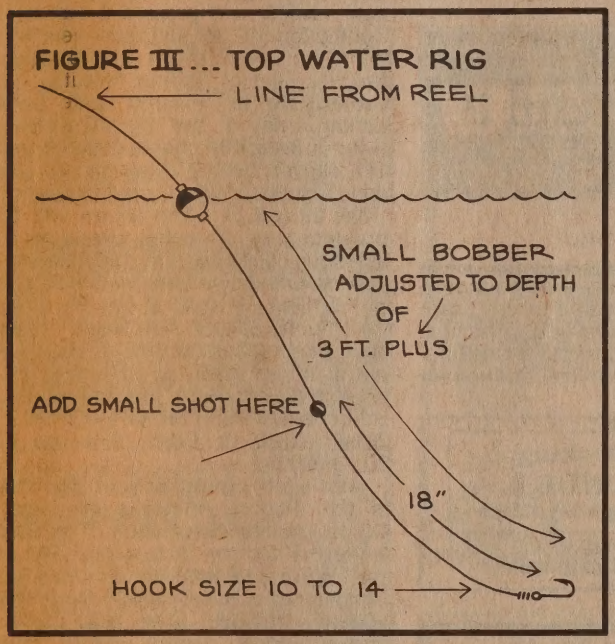


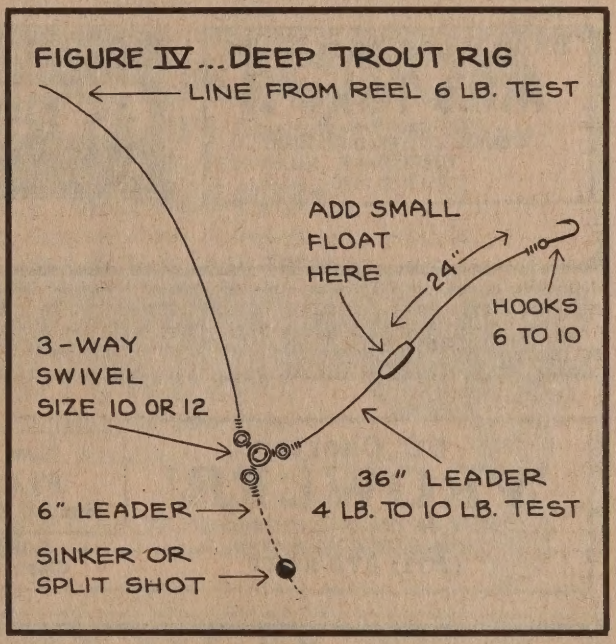
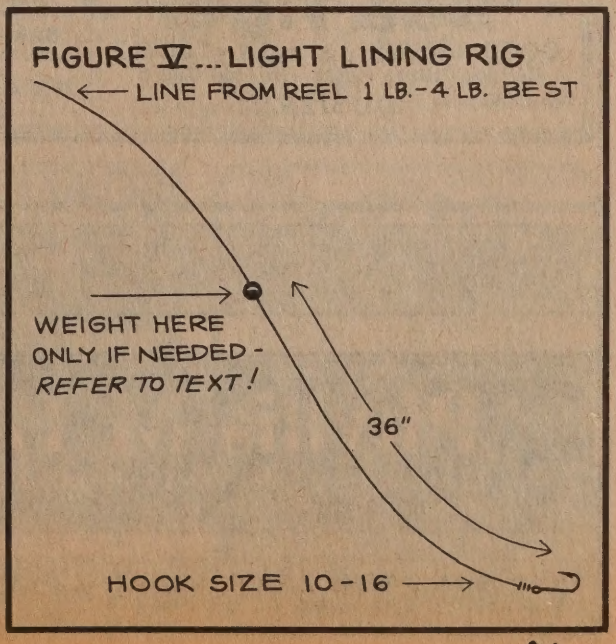


FIGURE IV ... DEEP TROUT RIG
LINE FROM REEL 6 LB. TEST
ADD SMALL FLOAT HERE
24"
HOOKS 6 TO 10
3-WAY SWIVEL SIZE 10 OR 12
36" LEADER 4 LB. TO 10 LB. TEST
6" LEADER
SINKER OR SPLIT SHOT



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Staten Island to Seaside REPORT

by Russ Wilson

Another week slipped by without too much in the way of change along the coast. Those fat flounder are still providing most of the action for fishermen who ply the sheltered waterways and whiting, ling and codfish are the offshore target.

It is still show time. Our friend Capt. Charlie Grazioso of the charter boat **Variety** will present a series of "one nighters" for sportspersons who want to learn more about their favorite kind of fishing. Among the subjects to be covered are: fluke fishing (May 1 and 3), bluefishing (May 7, 8 and 10), sharks (May 15 and 17), canyon fishing (May 22 and 24) and offshore trolling and chumming (May 29 and 31). The shows will be presented on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 til 10:30 at the Parisippany Community School and on Thursdays at 7:30 PM til 10:30 at the Paramus Community School. Admission fee for each one nighter is $10 with ladies and children admitted at half price. For details contact the Parsippany School at 201-263-7590 or Paramus at 201-670-9280 or Capt. Grazioso at 201-887-6558.

Also worth noting on your calendar is the monthly meeting of Jersey Coast Anglers Association. The date is April 3 and the time is 7:45 PM at the Riveria Beach/Boat Club on Herbertsville Road, Bricktown. The agenda includes; inter-club news, bunker update, access update, vote on Sandy Hook boat ramp, striped bass moratorium, fall stocking program for trout, club of the year award, wich is going to the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers for 1983.

STATEN ISLAND

Winter flounder are providing all the news in this area said Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop**. The action is basically at Great Kills Harbor and the bait that is doing a job on the flatties is blood or sand worms. Still no verified reports of striped bass in this sector.

FORT LEE

George Graf at the **Outdoorsman** reports tommy cod and white perch are the main attraction for anglers who fish Alpine Boat Basin or the Englewood areas. Some eels are being caught in the river on worms, but the long-awaited arrival of striped

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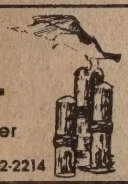

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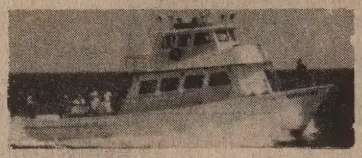

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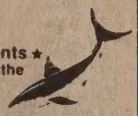

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bass is yet to materialize and George is still offering the 9 ft. surf rod to the angler who weighs in that first striper of the season at his shop.

PERTH AMBOY

From **Fred's Bait Service** comes news of winter flounder at Morgan Creek and around Raritan Bay. Blood or sand worms are still the best baits for the little flatfish. Jerry Palumbo checked in with a catch of 6 big flounder; Dennis Gissel showed up with 10 keepers and Bill Kosler reported a catch of 6 nice size flounder. All of those fish were caught on blood or sand worms said **Fred's.**

SAYREVILLE

Joe at **Sayreville Sportsman** reports most of his regular customers are fishing the local lakes for pickerel, bass or yellow perch. The current hotspot is Lake Duhernal where pickerel and bass are hitting a variety of spinners and natural baits.

HAZLET

Phil at **The Tackle Box** reports lots of winter flounder now being caught throughout the bay shore area. The bait is blood or sand worms and it does pay to use chum if you want to make a decent catch. Phil also mentioned the lower bay (outgoing tide) as a spot worth trying while the flounder run is still young.

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

Joe at **Julian's Tackle** reported plenty of winter flounder but very little of anything else. The offshore grounds are idle due to very cold waters and strong winds. In the river and throughout the bay winter flounder are big news. Some of the flounder taken this week were in the 1½ to 2 lb. class.

Captain Al Hilliard on **The Prowler** is back in the ball game and is now sailing specifically for winter flounder. He is operating as a charter and will continue to fish the winter flatties until mackerel arrive.

HIGHLANDS

Captain Pat Maresca of the **Blackfin II** reports he is not yet sailing but has been hanging around his shop **Capt. Coves Marina** and is seeing lots of big flounder caught off the bulkheads by anglers who fish the outgoing tide with blood or sand worms.

On the **Miss Take II** anglers are enjoying superb winter flounder action when the winds are not howling out of the east or west. Most of the fish are being caught in the two Rivers (Navesink and Shrewsbury) on worms or clam strips.

Jack Urbanski of **Jack's Landing** now has 50 percent of their boats in

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the water and ready to go. According to Jack, the flounder fishing is reasonably good in the river and around buoys 2 and 4. One boat checked in with a catch of 40 nice size flounder when fishing near Spermicetti Cove.

SHARK RIVER

Monroe Boyce at **Mac's Bait and Tackle** called to say winter flounder fishing at Shark River is hot. Some of the small boaters fishing the back channels are getting a lot of nice size fish on sandworms or with strips of clam or bloodworms. Outgoing tide is the best time to be fishing, said Boyce.

Ron Bierman of **Capt. Ron's Bait and Tackle** feels the winter flounder run at Shark River has yet to hit it's peak. Individual catches taken off the docks, from shore or around the bulkheads have been ranging from less than a dozen to more than 30 and most of the fish are keeper size. He recommends blood or sandworms for best results.

RUMSON

Oceanic Marine reported rowboaters are racking up some impressive flounder scores. The hot spots is the Oceanic Bridge and it does not matter which side of the bridge one picks to fish. Tide also is not a determining factor but it does pay to use chum and to bait with blood or sandworms.

BELMAR

High winds and frigid air temperatures curtailed all offshore activity this week. A few boats did sail but only a few reported catches of whiting and ling and most of that action was well offshore in deeper water areas. The **Catherine** is fishing flounder but the **S.S. Miss Belmar** is still making the offshore trek for whiting or ling until the first schools of mackerel arrive.

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Kevin Bogan at **Brielle Bait and Tackle** reported a slow pick for anglers fishing the offshore grounds.

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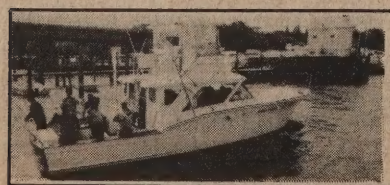

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On the **Paramount II, Paramount** and **Jamaica** it is strictly bottom fishing for whiting and ling and catches are entirely dependent on the whims of Mother Nature. On those days when the winds howl out of the west fishing has been slow but on calmer days it pays up considerably.

POINT PLEASANT

The **Norma K II** is running twice daily for winter flounder and Capt. Dick Kuhn said fishing has been reasonably good considering the kind of weather we've had. Most of the flounder in Manasquan River or Barnegat Bay are keeper size and some are running to more than a pound which makes fishing for them that much more interesting. Dave at the **Reel Seat** said everyone is either busy building new rods or is out there trying to decimate the winter flounder population. Some flounder are being caught along the Canal or at the Manasquan River but no one is enjoying a "leap job" anywhere in this area.

Danny Licursi at **JR's Inlet Bait and Tackle** reports winter flounder are providing all of the action in his area. The river is producing some fish but the best fishing is limited to the canal and blood or sandworms are the hot baits during the short time when slack tide hits the canal.

Clark's Landing was at the Central Jersey Boat Show during the past week and noted lots of interest in the line up of boats they had on display. Fishing in and around the Manasquan River was a hit or miss situation with a lot more anglers reporting misses than hits. Randy at **Shore Haven Marine** said he is planning an open house for mid-April. More details on this event in next week's **Fisherman**. For now, said Randy, it is best to stick with the winter flounder. They are definitely feeding and some noteworthy catches are possible for anglers who fish the channels at Manasquan River.

Barnegat Bay to Great Bay REPORT

by Don Brown

Poor weather conditions and high winds have once again held back the winter flounder from being hauled over the rails by all those flounder fishermen who are just itching to take their fill. Now that spring has officially arrived, it won't be long and we will all be able to satisfy those itches with the improvement of weather conditions.

Freshwater fishing is picking up with reports of bass and pickerel being caught in most areas on both live bait and artificials.

Hopefully, Mother Nature will show some kindness this coming week and we will have a good report for you all next week.

BRICK TOWN

Paul of **Huppert Marine** said to look for him at the Trenton Boat Show and to stop by and say hello.

The guys at **Van Barn** reported that the flounder fishing has slowed down some in this are, but that this will change as son as we get some decent weather.

According to Pete at **Pell's**, there were a few winter flounder being caught. The fishing is slow, though. Pete also said he has a good supply of blood and sand worms on hand for the flounder fishermen and anyone else looking for worms.

NORMANDY BEACH

When I spoke to Ernie of the **Bait 'N Tackle** over the weekend, he said he was pretty pleased with his trip to Florida; he said it is a real fisherman's paradise. He said the fishing that he had down there was excellent! He reported that at his shop, the flounder are beginning to bite better now. Ernie said he had a couple of guys who fished in their boat between Mantoloking and Gunning Ditch and came in with 70 fish; their names were unknown. These lucky fishermen used clams to bring home their catch. Ernie knew of another guy who caught seven fish in the same area.

SEASIDE

According to Beth at **Betty and Nick's**, they are starting to catch some white perch in the bay now and they are catching winter flounder up by the canal.

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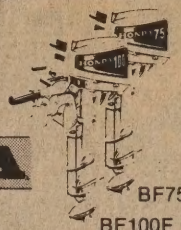

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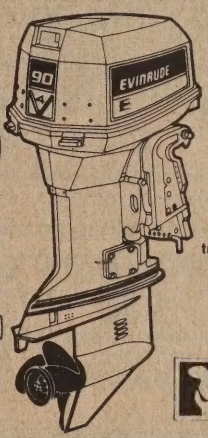

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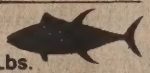

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TOMS RIVER

The news from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** was of the flounder fishing in Island Heights and the Pelican Island Bridge; some of the guys have come in with catches of a half dozen or more. Other news here was that they are picking away at the largemouth bass and chain pickerel in the freshwater areas.

FORKED RIVER

Captain Mike Kessler of the **Bulwark III**, is getting ready for the blackfishing! Captain Mike is really looking forward to this season; he will kick off the blackfish trips on April 7th weekend. For further information this well known tog fisherman, you can call 609-693-0907.

Lucky at the **Forked River Bait and Tackle** said that quite a few flounder fishermen are getting out; they are fishing Meyers Hole, Oyster and Double Creek and Buoy 66. According to reports, the fishing is picking up, the fishing is not red hot but they are doing fair. One of Lucky's customers came in with 20 fish and some were of quite good size.

WARETOWN

There was not much happening around **Mac's Dock** when I phoned. They said that the flounder are there but everyone is waiting for the better weather to get things moving.

BARNEGAT

I spoke with Chris Garbacki, captain of the **Sea Queen II**, and he told me that he will start to sail for mackerel in three weeks. He said that right now he is remodeling the Sea Queen II. He has put an all new wheel house on her, new wiring, etc. Capt. Chris says, "See you all in three weeks."

Ed of **Ed's Boats** reported that the fishermen coming into his place are catching winter flounder, they have been fishing around Clam Island and Double Creek. Ed said that Fred Soloman and Mitch Moskovitz, both from Margate, came in with 14 winter flatties and that Al Pellicoiotti of Philly caught 8 fish while fishing in the above areas. One of Al's fish weighed in at 1.3 pounds.

LONG BEACH ISLAND

The anglers at **Bruce and Pat's** are optimistic about the flounder fishing up there. It is nothing to write home about but some calm, sunny days will change that. They are presently catching the fish down by the Acme Market and around the bridges there.

SHIP BOTTOM

Fishing has been very slow around **Simon Marina** due to the poor weather conditions.

TUCKERTON

Capt. Jim Parsons of the charter boat the **Begger II** said that he is looking forward to the coming mackerel run. He said that according to his records, as well as other records that he knows of, he feels that South Jersey fishing should be into the mackerel from April 10th and on.

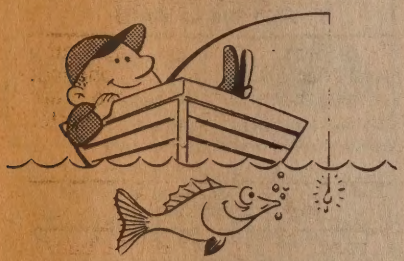
Bill out of **Ace's Place** told me that flounder fishing is slow right now but this will change with the warm weather that we are due to encounter.

When I spoke to Vince at **Capt. Speck's**, he said that the boats out of his place are picking away at a few flounder though the fishing is slow because of high winds. Vince said they had better fishing last week.

GREAT BAY/MULLICA

No bass weigh-ins yet and flounder fishing is very slow was the information at **Great Bay Marina**.

Cremer's Chestnut Neck Boatyard reported nothing this week because the weather conditions were poor; in hopes that next week will be more productive.



Atlantic City to Cape May REPORT

by Ron Kometa

Beggers can't be choosers. We have been begging for a decent day or two in a row and we got pretty close to that late last week and the first part of the weekend. And, the little bit of decent weather proved the hunch we had—there are fish out there. So all we need now is a series of sunny mild days and we should be in good shape.

ATLANTIC CITY

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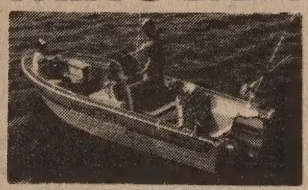

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anglers who have headed for the Beasley's Point Power Plant off the expressway. Guys there are taking as many as 8 to 10 flatties to one pound. Bob told me about a 59 pound cod which met a gaff hook on an offshore trip on the **Captain Applegate** on Saturday. That's not fair! I have prayed for cod over 50 pounds on the end of my line. If I would take 15 pounds of clams and stuff it down the cod's throat I'd have my bragging size fish too. Bob Driscoll, the captain of the **Horizon** at the Farley State Marina is raring to go. His 15 passenger charter boat is in tip top shape and is just waiting to clear the inlet. Bob had a diving party this weekend, but he had to give them a rain check due to the unsettled weather. The **Horizon** is licensed for parties up to 15 and is fully equipped to take groups for diving, for inshore fluking and offshore stuff such as blues, sharks and marlin and even night trips. Bob is also into community type work. He's taken a group of high school kids from the Cape May County Vocational School who are interested in anything from marine biology to conservation out three days this spring. In exchange for their trips on the Horizon, they had to repair reels and tackle this winter. I'll bet you they are ready to cash in on those trips.

MARGATE

Jim Frambes' **Defiant** which sails from the **Anglers Roost** is already to go. He is counting the days until the first signs of mackerel and he's ready to get his charter boat underway. Jim is taking reservations for anything which swims now, but like any of the good skippers, he only has so many dates on his '84 calendar so call 609-589-5583 to get your choice of a date. Dave Carber at **Dick's Dock** in Somers Point said school size stripers should start eating worms on the flats of the Egg Harbor River soon. By the end of April and early May those same stripers will hit surface Rebels but for now, stick to good old bloodworms. A bulk of the activity coming into **Campbell Marine** is from the freshwater spots. George Naihack of Brigantine found a 4 pound, 1 ounce largemouth bass interested in a Mepps spinner. Greg Montgomery and John Nicastro reported to Campbell's that they took 15 pickerel on Rebels and Rapalas at Bargaintown Lake and Mike DeFeo took 5 to 22" from the same lake. Marmora's Tom Oliver grabbed 3 bass to 17" at Magnolia Lake while D. Nelson visited Stockton Lake and coaxed 5 pickerel and one bass to smack Bolmar crank baits. Perch angling is best in both the Patcong and at Beesley's Point.

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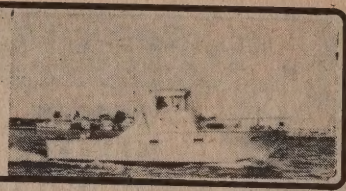

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Freshwater REPORT

by Mike Kersey

Before closing day trout anglers were witnessed catching lots of small trout at a number of spots throughout the state. According to my contacts, most fish hooked were brown and brook trout. It didn't seem to matter what the angler used as trout hit drifted worms, grubs, shiners, salmon eggs, and small silver or gold spinners. There should be plenty of action out there for opening day and during the week as new fish are liberated for April 7th. Just in time for opening day your **Fisherman** will present a **Trout and Lake Trout Fishing Workshop** from 7PM on Monday, April 2nd, Fairfield Ramada Inn, and on Wednesday, April 4 at the Edison Ramada Inn. Rich Giesseubel will lecture on river, lake and stream

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North Jersey. In Irvington, **Bernie's Sport Shop** has plenty of garden worms, meal worms, live minnows, and night walkers. Plus frozen saltwater baits are in good supply. Rods and reels are repaired here and Howie makes an excellent made to order rod. For directions, give 201-372-9000 a call. On Wednesday, I spoke to Dave Wagner of **Dave's Sporting Goods** in Union. Dave reported that Rich Stagaard of Summit nailed a 2 pound, 2 ounce brown trout 19" at the South Branch. By the way, there is currently a sale on Mike's Glow deluxe salmon eggs at $1.95 a jar. Also Stren and Trilene fishing line 2 pound to 10 pound test—can be had for 1 cent a yard. At **Bait and Boat**, Bill informed me that their new line of Rostertail Sonic and metalic rooster tails are here in all sizes. Shimano GRX 1000 through 3000 and their custom 1000 through 3000 spinning reels are in good supply. Custom Fenwick glass, boron, and graphite rods are made to order here. Give 201-347-3940 a call for directions. Young 11 year old Rich Sriedman, West Milford, was reported by Terry at the **Outdoorsmen Sport Shop** as catching a nice 1½ pound

brown trout before closing day. In fact, lots of her regulars did very well on that last weekend trout fishing at Prompto Lakes and on the Rockaway River. Hot action came on Mepps and Panther Martin spinners. Again this week, if you bring in your Fisherman, salmon eggs can be had here for $1.69 a jar. This week's special are Lacross chest waders for $59.99. The next **Newark Bait and Flycasting Club** meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd. Scheduled to take place will be the exciting raffle drawing and the guest speaker will be Kirk Powers of the new Pequest hatchery in Oxford. Action takes place at the **Farcher's Grove** in Union beginning around 8PM.

Central Jersey. On Monday, I talked with taxidermist **Robert Kennedy** and he had started a King Club designed to promote the buddy system for fishing Lake Ontario and the Salmon River. A membership list including name, address, and phone number will be distributed to all members. The cost will be only $5 in which 20% will be used for postage and printing. The remaining 80% will be used for cash prizes for the biggest fish award. More information will be included with the membership. Fore more details write to 55 W. somerset, Raritan, NJ 08869, or call 201-526-5777. Around Princeton, Ralph at **Millstone Sport Shop** reported that young Todd Litt, Piscataway, caught a 2½ pound largemouth bass at the Delaware Raritan Canal on a chartreuse spinnerbait. Herb Hepler, Bound Brook, caught a 5½ pound largemouth at Spruce Run on a live shiner. Richie Allen, S. Bound Brook hooked and landed a 23½'' rainbow trout before closing day on a drifted salmon egg at the North Branch. From **Dan's Sport Shop** in Clinton, Andy tells us that shoreline fishing at Round Valley has been tough. However, lake trout were active on live bait in over 100' of water. Some nice browns and rainbows were taken last week at Round Valley. Regular Brian Lytel, Phillipsburg, landed a beautiful 2½ pound brown trout at the Ken Lockwood Gorge before closing day. Dan Disney of Bricktown brought in 4 nice trout caught before the deadline Saturday on night crawlers. This was reported by George, Jr. of **George and Trudy's Bait and Tackle** in Brick.

South Jersey. South Jersey bass, perch and pickerel fishing came alive last week with the warm weather. Don at **Anglers Pro Shop** reported that Capt. Wild Bill Scito, Williamstown, caught a huge 8½ pound pickerel at nearby Dennisville Lake on a CP Swing. Regular Bill murdoch landed a hard fighting 5 pound largemouth bass at Collins Lake on a live minnow. Don had been fishing for yellow perch and pickerel and having success with small minnies and spinners at Hamilton Lake. Don't forget next week inshore and offshore fishing seminars at Angler's. For details call 609-567-2248. If you have not sent for your

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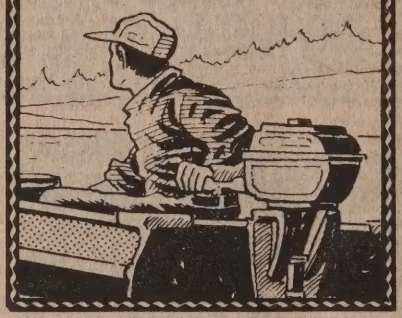

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BASIC TROUT RIGS

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itself. A good rod choice for this method is a long, soft blank, 7 to 13 feet being the norm. An ideal blank would specify 1/16 to 1/4 oz. lures as best. This long rod eliminates the need to add split shot. The casting impetus is derived from the longer rod's slow action. This outfit is so versatile, it will even take the spookiest of trout under gin clear water conditions.

On ponds and lakes, this rig can be called upon to gently present the bait, and with little or no line diameter to counter its sinking ability, it can match the natural sink rate of almost any free descending bait. What this all adds up to is a lot more trout in the ultra-light liner's cooler.

As you can see from the accompanying drawings, all these rigs are basically uncomplicated. Recognizing when and how to use each for maximum effectiveness is the real criteria for catching more and bigger trout. Perhaps the biggest fault of most beginning trout fishermen can be traced back to them using more weight than the situation calls for. Always use the least amount of weight you can without impairing your bait's drift to the trout's strike zone. If you can reach this zone without it, then that's the way to go. Many times a cast further upstream is all that is required to scrape the bottom of a deep hole. Just bear in mind that wild and hatchery trout alike will respond more readily to the most natural drifting bait you can present. It's really up to the angler to use sound judgment to govern his bait presentation under various stream and lake conditions. Believe me, if you maximize the use of the rigs I've mentioned in the article, by modifying them to your fishing needs, many good catches will follow.

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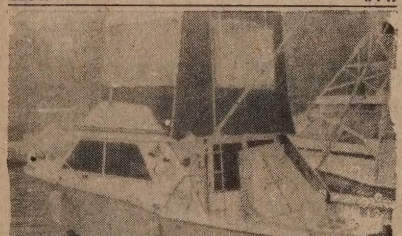

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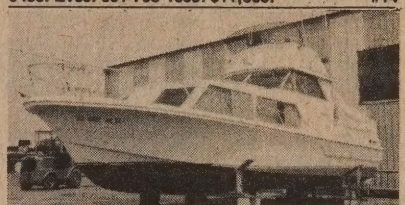

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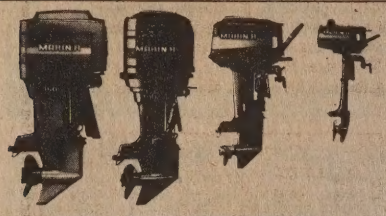

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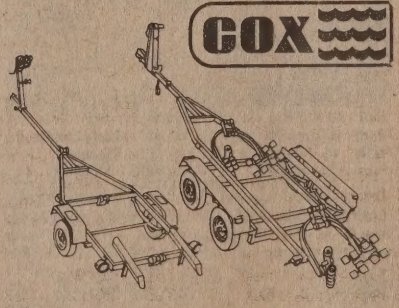

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High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	HAMPTON ROADS AM	HAMPTON ROADS PM	DATE
THURSDAY	5:50	6:15	6:50	7:05	6:35	7:00	7:20	7:45	3/29
FRIDAY	6:30	6:55	7:25	7:40	7:15	7:35	8:00	8:20	3/30
SATURDAY	7:10	7:45	8:00	8:15	7:50	8:10	8:35	8:55	3/31
SUNDAY	7:45	8:00	8:35	8:45	8:25	8:40	9:10	9:30	4/1
MONDAY	8:20	8:30	9:10	9:20	9:00	9:10	9:45	10:05	4/2
TUESDAY	8:55	9:05	9:40	9:55	9:30	9:40	10:20	10:35	4/3
WEDNESDAY	9:30	9:40	10:20	10:35	10:00	10:05	10:55	11:15	4/4
THURSDAY	10:10	10:20	10:55	11:15	10:30	10:45	11:30	11:55	4/5

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Hampton Roads

Cape Henry	—0 48
Lynn Haven Inlet	—0 09
Virginia Beach	—1 26
Kitty Hawk	—1 50
Oregon Inlet	—1 13
Cape Hatteras	—1 54
Hatteras Inlet	—1 39

On Breakwater Hbr.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33
St. Jones River entrance	+0 57

Moon Phases

NEW 4/1 — 1st Qtr. 4/9

FULL 4/15 — Last Qtr. 4/23

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/29	5:49	6:23
FRI. 3/30	5:47	6:24
SAT. 3/31	5:45	6:25
SUN. 4/1	5:43	6:26
MON. 4/2	5:42	6:27
TUE. 4/3	5:39	6:28
WED. 4/4	5:37	6:29

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/29	4:54AM	3:37PM
FRI. 3/30	5:18AM	4:37PM
SAT. 3/31	5:41AM	5:36PM
SUN. 4/1	6:02AM	6:36PM
MON. 4/2	6:25AM	7:37PM
TUE. 4/3	6:48AM	8:39PM
WED. 4/4	7:15AM	9:43PM

ORIGINAL KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish & Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type-face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

		AM		PM	
Day/Date:		Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thursday	3/29	2:45	8:50	3:00	9:10
Friday	3/30	3:25	9:25	3:35	9:50
Saturday	3/31	4:05	10:05	4:15	10:25
Sunday	4/1	4:40	10:40	4:50	11:00
Monday	4/2	5:15	11:25	5:35	11:45
Tuesday	4/3	6:00	—	6:25	12:10
Wednesday	4/4	6:45	12:35	7:15	1:00
Thursday	4/5	7:35	1:25	8:05	1:50

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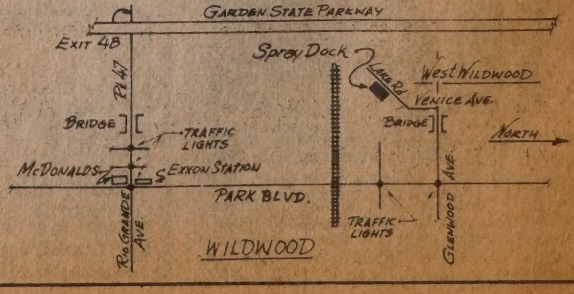
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